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In Business Update

# Ryan helps Wales land world crown

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*Ryan Shallish from Dinas Powys scored eight tries and was named 'Player of the Tournament'.*

**A DINAS Powys rugby player starred for 'Wales Deaf Rugby' as they landed the title of World Sevens Champions in Australia.**

Ryan Shallish (25) who plays as a flanker for Dinas Powys, scored a vital try against England in the final.

It proved a real nail-biter with Wales winning in the last minute.

Mr Shallish told The GEM: "We were trailing by two tries at one stage. I thought we were going to get beaten, but we dug really deep.

"I scored a try which made it 14–15, and our captain scored the winning try and we won 21–15.

"With the last play of the match, I kicked the ball into touch and we started to celebrate. I'm so proud – and thankful to all my supporters, my dad and family."

Mr Shallish, a former pupil of St Cyres who spends time helping deaf young youngsters at the school, was named Player of the Tournament, which was held at the University of South Wales.

He has received messages of support from other deaf people on Facebook, who wrote saying how inspired they were by his performances.

His father Neil said: "He was also named Wales 'Player of the Tour'.

"The English Rugby Union took the time to write to him, congratulating him on how he had conducted himself with Wales both on and off the pitch – that was great coming from another country."

In fact, it proved the perfect tournament for Wales; not only did they beat arch rivals England in the final, they defeated renowned Sevens specialists Fiji in the semi-final.

He said: "I'm so proud of Ryan's achievements. Some deaf people keep themselves to themselves. Sport has encouraged him to come out of his shell.

"He has really come along and had a fantastic few years."

INCINERATOR TO BE 'UP AND RUNNING' BY THE END OF THE YEAR - *READ THE LATEST NEWS ON PAGE 3.*

# Barry woman jailed for GBH outside pub

**MINUTES after being thrown out of a Barry pub, a drunken young woman struck a man over the head with a bottle which fortunately did not smash, said prosecutor David Pugh at Cardiff Crown Court, *writes AJ SICLUNA*.**

The victim, Gary Asbury, fell to the ground, breaking his ankle in the process.

Jade Miller (22), of no fixed address, received an extended sentence of four years, three months consisting of a jail term of two years, three months and an extended two-year licence period.

She had admitted inflicting grievous bodily harm. She was told by Judge Jeremy Jenkins that such a sentence had to be passed in order to protect the public and he described her as "a young lady who turns to violence all too quickly."

Mr Pugh said the incident took place at O'Brien's pub, Holton Road, Barry, in the afternoon of March 21.

There was a dispute and Miller was taken from the premises.

She then spat at Mr Asbury a number of times and hit out at him with her handbag.

Soon afterwards, she was spotted on CCTV hitting him on the head with a large bottle.

He was taken to hospital, treated for a minor injury to his head and his ankle was put in a cast.

The court heard that Miller had convictions for 49 offences, including assaulting the police by spitting in their faces, possessing a knife in a public place and for wounding after striking her victim with a pair of stiletto heels.

There were also convictions for racially-aggravated common assault involving spitting at shopkeepers.

Her barrister, David Leathley, said what she had done outside the pub was "wholly over the top".

He described her as immature and said she was "a hopeless inebriate who spent time in the wrong company."

She claims there was an element of provocation because she was pushed roughly during the incident. He said she was not a woman who premeditated violence.

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## 'Do the children of closure protesters even attend Llancarfan's primary school?'

**IN response to a letter published last week, 'Llancarfan – migration or closure?' – well said.**

The fever with which some campaigners have taken up arms certainly demonstrates a force to be reckoned with, but I question how many are campaigning for their school, and how many for their village status.

Has the question been asked of the 'village' campaigners if their children actually attend this school?

If this question were posed, I think the answer would be very interesting and would beg the question is this campaigning truly about the children's education?

**Name and address supplied.**

## A play on words by Vale Council

**WE'D like to thank the writer of a letter in last week's GEM for the opportunity to dispel any confusion about the future of Llancarfan Primary School.**

That letter accused the campaign to save the school of using "misleading" language, sowing "misinformation" and trying to "whitewash" facts.

If the current school site is closed, as envisaged under a proposal by officers of the Vale Council, existing staff will have their employment rights transferred to equivalent posts in a new school to be built in Rhoose.

Existing pupils will also have the right to attend this new school if they wish. But after the initial transfer period, children from the village and the wider district will find themselves in wholly new catchment areas, dispersed across several different primary schools.

Describing this as a "migration" is disingenuous and misleading, in much the same way that describing large-scale sackings or budget cutbacks as "downsizing" or "rationalisation" does not capture the full truth of what is really happening.

We leave it to readers to decide whether the much-loved village school in Llancarfan will be closed under this proposal or merely "migrated" to new premises—five miles away on a suburban development.

**The Llancarfan School Action Committee,**

## Bruce the dog is on the road to recovery

**I SHOULD like to thank The GEM for publishing my recent letter regarding my dog's unfortunate encounter with a rescue bitch.**

As a result, this enabled the dog owner to get in touch with me and agree to pay Bruce's insurance excess.

Bruce is finally on the road to recovery following four weeks of numerous veterinary care visits. **Name and address supplied.**

## Don't accept incinerator as 'done deal' says reader

**NATURAL Resources Wales repeatedly said they have to follow the law on environmental permitting. Friends of the Earth see three or four areas where they clearly failed.**

Also, an 'Environmental Impact Assessment' is still needed, with the impacts already clearly much more serious than the authorities claimed, so we should not accept this incinerator as a 'done deal'.

NRW did not treat public consultation seriously, in particular they provided no 'public register' of the documents they took into account, including their internal specialist assessment.

Secondly, they failed to require Biomass/Aviva to provide cost-benefit analysis of potential for using heat from the plant, when heat energy is the major part of the energy produced.

Not only is this very inefficient, but cost-benefit assessment is specifically required in law on incinerator permits.

Further, NRW failed to consider potential major accidents at the plant and their impacts on the public.

NRW also used outdated standards on air pollution, instead of accepting 'no safe levels' and applying Welsh policy on minimising polluting emissions from the stack.

NRW seemed to assess the incinerator as a 'done deal' saying the Vale Council had taken the basic decisions.

However, they failed to persuade us it was only 'gasification' and failed to mollify public criticisms. Their failures in law mean that the operating permit should be cancelled.

The above issues need properly considering via an Environmental Impact Assessment – again a legal requirement – and only after that should the company be able to reapply for an operating permit. **Keith Stockdale, Barry & Vale Friends of the Earth coordinator.**

## Answers sought after recent destruction of hedges and trees

**EVEN before reading the letter 'Looking out for our wild birds' in The GEM (April 26), I was shocked and dismayed to see the appalling destruction wreaked by contractors to the natural trees and vegetation on the embankment on the B4265 at Llantwit Major, east of Llanmaes Road, last week.**

Approximately 200 yards of densely-covered embankment has been torn and chopped down at what is the height of the bird nesting season.

What is the reason for this work? Who are the contractors and if this was necessary, why wasn't this work carried out earlier in the year at a time which would not have been detrimental to nesting birds?

Were the necessary precautions taken as required by the Wildlife Act quoted in the aforementioned letter?

Who gave permission for the work to be carried out?

There are many people in this area who would like a prompt answer to these questions.

**Mr D Phillips, Llantwit Major.**

## Lone 'gull cull' ruffles feathers

**WHEN the word 'seagull' becomes topical, it ruffles many feathers.**

People are entitled to a difference of opinion. However, when they take matters to extreme it is worrying.

After reading the article in The GEM about the gull allegedly shot dead at Barry Island, it would appear that someone decided to take matters into their own hands.

This individual is dangerous and needs to be caught and punished for this criminal action. You are entitled to your opinion, like us all. However, you are not entitled to use a 'high calibre gun' to kill a gull just because you felt like it.

**(Name and address supplied)**

## Moveable feast

**ON Saturday, April 28, a friend and I went to Penarth to have lunch and do some shopping.**

We went into a lovely cafe for lunch and I was lucky enough to park outside.

I checked the parking and it was for one hour. My friend was still eating when the hour was nearly up so I had to leave and move the car.

I was lucky to find another space close by, but this was for only one hour again. By the time we finished and paid for our meal, 15 minutes of the next hour had elapsed.

We then went shopping around the town centre. Then to my annoyance I had to move the car again.

As we were looking in a shop window a friend of ours was in the shop so we all went in and had coffee. Sadly, I had to tell our friend 'sorry we have to leave'.

I hadn't finished my drink and they had to rush their coffees because, yet again, I had to move my car.

This time we came home, because I was fed up of moving my car every hour. It will be a long time before I go back to Penarth for an afternoon out.

Even if they allowed two hours of parking, it would be nice.

**Karen Mortimer-Brown, Barry**

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**(UNTIL MAY 10)**

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| 04 Fri | 09.53 | 9.2 | 22.11 | 8.9 |
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| 06 Sun | 10.59 | 8.2 | 23.25 | 8.0 |
| 07 Mon | 11.53 | 7.8 | | |
| 08 Tues | 00.21 | 7.5 | 12.49 | 7.4 |
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| 10 Thur | 02.56 | 7.5 | 15.33 | 7.7 |

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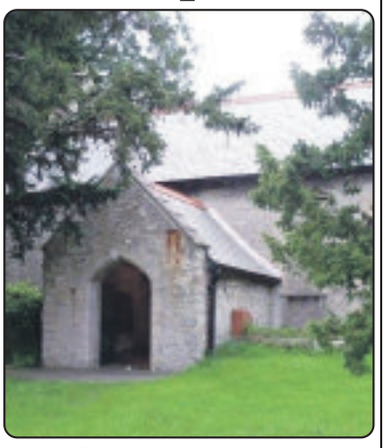
# Penarth's oldest church re-opens



*St Peter's Church, Old Cogan.*

**THE Bishop of Llandaff, The Right Reverend June Osborne, came to Penarth recently to preside at a service to mark the re-opening of St Peter's Church, Old Cogan, after a period of repair and restoration.**

The tiny church has a history which reaches back for over 800 years as a place of worship. Originally attached to the Celtic monastery at Llandough, then to the Parish of Llandough and now as part of the Parish of All Saints, Penarth, it holds services every Sunday at 3.30pm and is available to local residents for hatches, matches and dispatches.

It has its own grounds alongside Cogan Hall Farm at the end of Mile Lane off Sully Road, or by foot from Cosmeston Country Park, and is, said a spokesperson, "a place of intimate serenity".

During the restoration, much was learned about the original building techniques used which helped age the different parts of the church.

The restoration of the church and building of the new car park could not have happened without generous donations from many sources including; The Heritage Lottery Fund, Church in Wales, Garfield Weston Trust and All Churches Trust.

The service also provided an opportunity to give a vote of thanks to the retiring warden, John Rogers, who had served the community and church for many years, who along with his wife Betty, are key figures in the life of the church and was central to all of the fundraising.

Taking over this important role is John Fraser, former town counsellor and Mayor and the present chair of The Friends of St Peter's.

A reception was held after the service at The Manor House Hotel.

**LA**

# INCINERATOR OPERATORS SAY EVERYTHING IS 'ON SCHEDULE'

**OWNERS of Barry's incinerator expect the facility to be fully up-and-running by the end of the year, while opposition groups continue to raise objections.**

The Biomass UK No2 plant in Barry Docks is being tested before it is launched, but now a time-scale for when the site will be fully operational has been announced.

It follows reports of 'black smoke' coming from the site during the operational tests.

Protesters are giving out 'clean air kits' to schools in Barry, and the Vale Council is also installing air quality monitors around the incinerator site.

The plant's operator, a fund of private donors managed by Aviva Investors, has said all the incinerator's emissions are safe for the atmosphere.

Beautiful Barry, supported by the Docks Incinerator Action Group (DIAG), bought 20 clean air kits from Friends Of The Earth, and said several schools in Barry have already accepted them.

The group, which opposes the incinerator, said: "The clean air kits effectively monitor nitrogen dioxide levels and will provide an insight into the quality of air that our future generations are breathing.

"The clean air kits are simple to use and can easily be incorporated into a curriculum activity. Several schools in Barry have already accepted the donation of the clean air kits."

The Vale Council will install two air quality monitors near the site within the next month following complaints about black smoke.

A council spokeswoman said: "The council has recently taken delivery of two solar-powered AQ Mesh air quality monitors and these are shortly to be installed on lamp columns; one in Dock View Road and the other in close proximity to Holton Road School.

"The monitors will assess air quality 24 hours per day, feeding back data wirelessly to our offices in 15 minute intervals. Air quality data will then be made available to members of the public via the Shared Regulatory Services website.

"Barring no unforeseen technical issues it is envisaged that these units will be fully operational, providing publicly available air quality monitoring data within the next four weeks."

The council has said it has not seen any evidence to suggest any of the plants emissions are a concern for the public's health.

Aviva Investors said: "The Barry Biomass project is a renewable energy plant that uses gasification, which is supported by the UK and Welsh governments, to generate electricity.

"All emissions pass through a pollutant control system to ensure they are within the limits required by the emission limit values specified in the Industrial Emissions Directive and are safe for release into the atmosphere.

"The project is running to its planned schedule and we expect to be fully operational before the end of the year."

**LDR**

# Leon raises £2,000 for cardio charity

*Leon finished the London Marathon in 3 hours and 11 minutes.*

**LEON LIMA, who was featured in The GEM recently, completed the London Marathon on April 22 and raised over £2,000 for Cardiomyopathy UK.**

He finished in 3 hours and 11 minutes.

He was inspired in his marathon challenge by his son Luka, aged three, who has been diagnosed with the life-threatening illness.

Leon attended Barry Comprehensive School and now works as a teacher in Bournemouth.

**TC**

# Works to start at Cogan Pill play area

**WORKS to upgrade Cogan Pill play area, off Dochdwy Road in Llandough, will begin on Tuesday, May 8.**

The works involve installing new equipment with safety surfacing and upgrading the steps next to the popular embankment slide. The existing play facilities will be retained and the new equipment will includes a dragonfly seesaw, a Zingo unit, and a tornado unit.

The Vale Council received £41,689 specifically for the purpose of improving public open space in Llandough, secured via a Section 106 agreement, from Hafod Housing Association pursuant to the redevelopment of 67-79 Dochdwy Road (the former shopping parade).

The contractor will be Horizon Civil Engineering Ltd and the work will take about six weeks to complete.

Safety surfacing will be installed and contractors will upgrade the existing slide and steps, as well as realigning existing railings and retaining the popular slide.

A consultation exercise was held in early 2017 at Llandough Primary School, which is adjacent to the site.

Pupils were shown the plans of the refurbishment, and shared their thoughts and ideas in a school assembly.

The children said there should be climbing frames and equipment that is appropriate for both older and younger children, as, showing enviable prose skills, they believe a park 'should be a place to create childhood memories to last a lifetime'.

Cllr Gordon Kemp, Vale Council cabinet member for social care, health and leisure, said: "This is an exciting project for the residents of Llandough and it's wonderful that the school children have had their say in what they would like to see in their play area.

"It is fantastic that Section 106 money can be used to fund this play area for the community, and especially for the children who can use the new play equipment during the summer holidays."

**SB**

# Cenotaph march
## Deadline approaches

**ANYONE who is interested in applying for tickets for the Cenotaph march past in London on November 11 should be aware that the deadline is at the end of May.**

Those wishing to attend or needing further information should contact Teresa Goodwin, vice chair, Royal British Legion Barry, on 07776 111385.

Please have the following information to hand before contacting Teresa:

Title/rank; first name; last name; date of birth; place of birth; address including post code; Service Number (if applicable).

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See also Facebook 'Poppy Appeal Barry, Rhoose and Peterston'.

**TG**

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# Come Thai with me

**ON Friday, May 4, the Penarth Aviation Society will meet in the Penarth Conservative Club at 8pm and this month, John Andrew will be taking us to Thailand and showing us exhibits from the Royal Thai Air Force (RTAF) museum.**

Using photos taken during his visit in December 2017 to the RTAF Museum at Don Muang, north of Bangkok, John will start with the early days of aviation in 1911 in Siam, as Thailand was known until 1939 {It reverted to Siam btween 1946 and 1948, before adopting Thailand again vin 1949].

Over the next 100 years, the air force took part in two world wars as well as hosting the US Air Force during the Vietnam War.

During this period, it operated a wide range of aircraft and helicopters mostly from European and American manufacturers, including the twin-jet Northrop F-5 Freedom Fighter. It has also designed and built a number of its own aircraft, many of which are on show at the museum.

Why not join the society? We meet on the first Friday of the month at the Penarth Conservative Club. Visitors and potential members are welcome to attend a meeting for a small donation.

Further information can be found at www.penarthaviationsociety.co.uk, Facebook www.facebook.com/penarthaviationsociety.co.uk or from Barrie Howell on 02921 322385.

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# THE RAF100 BATON RELAY VISITS BARRY

**CADETS of 372 ATC Barry marked 100 years since the RAF was formed, and were handed the Centenary Baton as part of its 2018 relay.**

The cadets travelled to Barry's King Square in a 1964 Cardiff double decker bus, on April 14.

Members of Barry RAFA branch, the Vale Mayor Cllr Janice Charles, and Barry town Mayor, Nic Hodges, were handed the Centenary Baton, which was designed by students of the No 4 School of Technical Training at MoD St Athan.

Mayor Charles, said: "It was an honour to receive the Centenary Baton on behalf of Barry, to mark 100 years since the RAF was formed.

"It is important that we remember the sacrifices made by members of the RAF, and those younger generations such as Barry cadets, are inspired by this anniversary and recognise the importance of the centenary."

The Royal Air Force celebrated its 100th birthday on April 1, 2018, and marked the occasion by reflecting on its history, achievements and the work it is currently undertaking.

A church service was held at St Mary's Church in Barry, on April 22, to recognise the Barry branch's 80th anniversary.

The baton will visit 100 sites associated with the RAF in 100 days and will end its journey on July 10, at Horseguards Parade in Westminster.

The students pitched their designs to the Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal Sir Stephen Hillier, who decided the baton would be constructed using brass, wood, aluminium, steel, and carbon aerofoil wing cross-sections, symbolising aircraft construction through the ages.

The baton will be handed to members of the RNLI in Barry, who will take it by sea to Nash Point, where Porthcawl RNLI will hand it over to Porthcawl RAFA.

**JB**

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# Penarth church to be converted into flats

**A Penarth church will be demolished to make way for flats despite a long-running campaign to save the historic building.**

Newydd Housing Association has been given permission to turn St Paul's Church into 14 'affordable' apartments and a community hall.

The church will be demolished to make way for the development of 11 one-bed and three two-bed flats, but the front facade of the church will be retained.

The Vale Council's Planning Committee approved the plans on Thursday night (April 26), despite protestations that it would lead to an over-development of the area.

Sarah Sweeney, chairwoman of St Paul's Community Group, told the meeting: "St Paul's has long been viewed as a community centre in one shape or another since it was built.

"The community facility element of this proposal falls short of the expectations of the community in terms of size and in consultation."

A petition to save the church, which has been empty since 2011, gathered more than 150 signatures last year.

But Cllr Neil Thomas told the meeting there is "a significant need for such housing in the St Augustine's area."

He said: "There has been a long-standing problem of fly-tipping and anitsocial behaviour in the area. It's my belief that this development will help reduce that problem.

"People who engage in this kind of behaviour don't generally like to be watched by residents who can report them."

Jon Hurley, director of planning consultants WYG, said there are currently 391 people on housing lists in Penarth.

He said: "The church represents a distinct regeneration opportunity for Penarth which will deliver much needed affordable homes and community space."

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# Man's 'paranoid jealousy' led to attack on woman

**A BEAUTICIAN was attacked by her ex-boyfriend, who suffered from "paranoid jealousy" and she received a broken finger which caused her to be off work for three months, Cardiff Crown Court heard, *writes AJ SICLUNA*.**

Joanna Morris (33) underwent surgery and had wires inserted in her hand after the attack at her Penarth home, said prosecutor Paul Hewitt.

Jonathan Cole (36), formerly of Byrd Crescent, Penarth, who later moved to Dinas Powys, pleaded guilty to a charge of causing actual bodily harm.

He was jailed for 12 months plus a consecutive sentence of six months for the breach of a suspended sentence imposed for an offence of affray.

Judge Tom Crowther QC said he suffered from paranoid jealousy.

Said the Judge: "You have the paranoid belief she was being unfaithful to you."

He said domestic violence was pernicious and people were reluctant to complain, and he commended the victim for coming forward to police about the incident.

He added that her finger was twisted which must have been painful and distressing.

Mr Hewitt said the incident occurred on August 27 last year after the couple had split up a week before.

Cole went to her home, he said, there were pleasantries and he then became concerned that she was seeing someone else.

He grabbed her by her hand and broke her finger.

He said Ms Morris was self employed and was off work for three months.

"A neighbour heard her scream as if someone was giving birth," he said.

Cole was said to have previous convictions for criminal damage, affray and battery involving an ex-partner.

His solicitor, Jon Lewis, said: "He is aware of his situation. The relationship was short-lived and at the time he was suffering from depression, drinking to excess and living on the charity of others."

He said he had not set out to cause such harm.

"He did not have a bright start in life and there was lack of meaningful guidance. Currently, he is in a new relationship and the woman concerned is aware of the background.

"He acknowledged he needs to change his ways."

A 10-year restraining order was imposed preventing Cole having contact with Joanna Morris in any way.

# TOURIST RAILWAY TO OPERATE OVER BANK HOLIDAY

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A spokesman explained: "The railway will be operating a 40-minute 'out-and-back' journey from Barry Island station at 11.35am, 1.10pm, 2.10pm and 3.10pm each day over the weekend and it will include a guided tour around the railway depot where our vintage trains are maintained and refurbished.

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"And a dog, if you have one."

There is no need to book, people can turn up on the day. **FC**

# *COMMUNITY ORDER FOR 'CONTROLLING HUSBAND'*

**A "CONTROLLING husband" who once threatened to pay to have his wife killed and twice assaulted her, was sentenced to a two-year community order involving 20 days of rehabilitation activity, at Cardiff Crown Court, *writes AJ SICLUNA*.**

Salahuddin Sham (34) was also ordered to pay £300 costs.

Sham, of Glanfa Dafydd, Barry, pleaded guilty to two charges of assault.

Judge Jeremy Jenkins pointed out that it had to be stated that any man who attacked a woman committed a serious offence.

Prosecutor Marion Lewis said Sham first came to Britain in 2000 and four years later was joined by his wife, Shabana.

After that, he said, there was a background of controlling behaviour, including Sham telling her what she could wear and where she was allowed to go. He also threatened to cancel her visa which meant that she would have to return to her native country of Afghanistan and that he would pay someone to kill her.

On June 20 last year, following an argument, he punched her arm, leaving her with bruises.

The second incident occurred five days later when he returned home from his occupation at a pizza takeaway.

His wife reported the incident to the police. When he was arrested at work, he denied the allegation. He claimed that the bruises on her arms had been caused when she banged them against the wall.

Rosamund Rutter, his counsel, urged the court to impose a community order. The judge imposed a five year restraining order preventing him from contacting his wife.

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# Group's anger over delay in resettling a refugee family

**VOLUNTEERS hoping to resettle a refugee family from war-torn Syria have criticised a Welsh authority who they claim have delayed the process.**

Croeso Penarth is leading efforts to bring a family currently living in a United Nations refugee camp to Penarth so they can rebuild their lives which were torn apart by war.

But the volunteers claim the Vale Council is delaying this process and that it means a family is spending longer in the refugee camp than they need to.

The Vale Council has denied this, and says that a mistake by a group acting for the volunteers had made things more difficult.

Croeso Penarth wants to bring a family – which has yet to be selected – through a community resettlement scheme run by the Home Office and the UN. But before this can happen the council has to approve Croeso Penarth's application.

Croeso Penarth say it submitted its application, which was supported by Citizens UK in January, and that since then the council has taken a number of months to assess the application.

Amy Da Silva, from Croeso Penarth, said: "It's really upsetting to think it's being delayed so long and a family is enduring more time in that camp than they need to."

She said resettlement schemes in other areas have taken between two and six weeks to get local authority approval.

Croeso Penarth hopes the refugee family can be resettled in Penarth by the end of the year, and has pledged to support their integration into the community by helping them access language lessons, join local clubs and find work.

Four families were resettled in the Vale in 2016/17- including nine adults and 10 children. In 2017/18, the authority pledged to receive four families but just two – made up of four adults and six children – were resettled.

A meeting of the council on Wednesday, April 25 heard that arrangements are being made with the Home Office for the remaining two families to be received by June this year and that the council has secured two affordable homes for them.

Croeso Penarth are being supported by Stephen Doughty, MP for Cardiff South and Penarth. Speaking in the House of Commons, he said: "I am disappointed that when efforts are being made by a group called Croeso Penarth in my own constituency to house Syrian refugees they're finding that frustrated by the local council."

The Vale Council Leader John Thomas said his authority is not deliberately obstructing the process.

He told Wednesday's full council meeting: "I am extremely disappointed with the language used by Stephen Doughty MP in his statement to Parliament.

"I remind members that the authority is duty bound to ensure that each application is sufficient and sustainable, and that the needs of the vulnerable refugees can be fully met over the long-term before it can consent to an application progressing further.

"This obligation is set out clearly in the guidance issued to local authorities in pursuance of assessing each community sponsorship application. Each submission must be assessed on a case-by-case basis, allowing for regional differences.

"The authority accounts both for the demands on local resources and the capacity of its statutory service providers. In this regard the authority has made every effort to expedite the due diligence required to consent – and there has been no deliberate attempt to frustrate the process – despite the allegation."

Mr Thomas added: "This authority is fully and positively committed to assisting Syrian families, having already provided refuge for six families and a commitment to provide additional units this year.

"We welcome the efforts of our community partners to increase that provision, but we must ensure that such schemes are sustainable and that services are available to provide the necessary support for those families."

Mr Thomas said a draft application sent to the Home Office by Citizens UK "mistakenly stated that consent had already been given."

"This incorrect assertion has placed considerable pressure on the authority from the community sponsors and Citizens UK and is not consistent with the collaborative partnership approach envisaged by the Home Office," he said.

Mr Thomas said council officers met with Croeso Penarth and that the council's cabinet should make a decision on the application "very soon."

**LDR**

*Lynsey receiving her cap from Ben Mousley the ladies coach.*

# Barry RFC Ladies star is world champion

**A BARRY Ladies RFC player was a member of the England team which became World Deaf Rugby Sevens champions after winning gold medals at the inaugural tournament in Sydney, Australia.**

Lynsey Phillips (42), a mum of two who works as an early years practitioner, told The GEM it was encouraging to see deaf rugby growing as a sport.

She said: "The profile of this inclusive sport has been raised with current and former elite players lending their support through social media.

"Each player was thrilled to have also been awarded their first honorary cap."

The England Deaf Rugby Union is a charity and each player had to self-fund travel costs and accommodation for the trip to Australia.

Wales doesn't have a deaf ladies first XV or sevens squad, but with the Welsh deaf men's sevens team winning the World Cup, there are hopes that could change in the future.

**TC**

# Rugby team pick up Marie Curie award for their fundraising efforts

**A children's rugby team from Barry was last week named Young Supporters of the Year by the terminal illness charity Marie Curie at their first-ever Fundraising Excellence Awards ceremony in London.**

The awards were held to celebrate and thank the many people who have shown tremendous hard work and commitment to support Marie Curie through various fundraising activities and raised hundreds of thousands of pounds to help the charity provide care and support for people living with a terminal illness and their families.

Barry Mini Bombers under-12s were nominated for the award after the team took on a sponsored cycle at their local Tesco in aid of Marie Curie.

The idea was the brainchild of team coach Christian Prosser, and saw the team raise an incredible £12,435.20.

The award comes just months after being presented with South East Wales Fundraiser of the Year at Marie Curie's annual Great Daffodil Appeal launch at the Senedd.

"One of the boys on the team, Lewis, was being supported by Marie Curie as his dad, John, was receiving care at the Cardiff and Vale Hospice," said Christian.

"The team worked together on the day and gained great the support from the local community."

The team travelled a distance of 266km – with Lewis going the furthest distance on the day.

"Everyone was spurring them on, and they had good support on the day from customers and staff in the store," said Christian.

The team said they were thrilled to receive a second award from the charity for their fundraising efforts.

Speaking after collecting the award, Lewis said: "I was really happy to be asked to go to London to receive the award on behalf of the Bombers.

"I was treated like royalty and felt very proud to be part of an amazing team. A day I will never forget for so many reasons."

Emma Dungey, mum to Lewis, Amy and Lucy, whose husband John died at the hospice in June 2017, attended the award ceremony in London, where they met Marie Curie Ambassador Alison Steadman.

Emma said: "Marie Curie did so much for us. I was approached by Chris, as he knew what we were going through at the time, and because they raise money every year for charity.

"I was so honoured that we were asked, it meant so much."

The team is set to continue in its fundraising efforts for the charity and are working on plans for the next event.

Alex Hyde-Smith, Marie Curie's Director of Fundraising said: "The Barry Mini Bombers are such an inspiration who have gone above and beyond for the charity.

"Everyone at Marie Curie is so grateful for their support. We hope that receiving this award as recognition of their efforts shows how important they are to us. Without everything they do we cannot continue our vital work."

**MC**

# Dinas Powys bypass study will look at a wider area

**THE scope of the study into the potential for a Dinas Powys bypass has been extended to incorporate a much wider area and additional options for the southern section of the proposed route, it has been reported.**

This move was made at the suggestion of the Dinas Powys Community Council.

The study will now consider the need for a road connecting sections of the scheme in the Murch Road area with the junction of Sully Moors Road and Hayes Road.

Cllr Geoff Cox, the Vale Council cabinet member for neighbourhood services and transport, said: "We are keen to hear as many views and consider as many options as possible to make sure we find the best possible solution to the congestion issues in Dinas Powys.

"Following the suggestion of the community council, traffic surveys will now be undertaken at the three junctions of Sully Moors Road, Hayes Road, Ffordd y Mileniwm and Biglis roundabout.

"The information gathered will then be used to assess the impact on trip patterns, distance and likely journey times so that comparisons can be made between the various bypass options, as well as consideration for non-road options.

"If the cost/benefit analysis of these schemes stacks up, then we may have two bypass options to take forward to the next stage of the study, although this is subject to the council securing appropriate funding for this next stage."

Previously the study of problems, opportunities and constraints for the local transport network was limited to the area from the Biglis roundabout to the Barons Court junction.

**AS**

# *BARRY RESIDENTS URGED TO RESPOND TO TOWN COUNCIL'S CONSULTATION*

**BARRY Town Council wants to improve its "community engagement" and as a result has drafted 'Love Barry – Community Engagement Strategy' – which runs until June 1.**

A council spokesperson said: "The document focuses on four objectives which aim to improve the council's visibility, its engagement, the way in which engagement data is used and awareness of the Town Council.

"A quick survey was created that residents are being asked to complete. It is really important to the council that residents' suggestions should be in the survey. There are areas in which the town council can help but if they can't, they can pass ideas onto other partner organisations.

"Once the consultation period closes, all comments and suggestions will be collated and presented to a meeting of the council on Monday, June 18, which the public can attend.

"It is important to note that the draft 'Love Barry – Community Engagement Strategy' is not the finished article and can absolutely be influenced by residents, which is why it is vital that as many people respond as possible.

"As well as being able to directly influence the council's direction, there is also a chance to win a FitBit. The winner will be announced on Monday, June 4."

If you would like to take part in the survey online, contact the council in the following ways; Facebook – @Barry Town Council; Twitter – @barry_tc; email – info@barrytowncouncilgov.uk

If a hard copy of the survey is required, contact as above, telephone (01446) 704925 or call into the Council Offices, 7 Gladstone Road, Barry, CF62 8NA.

**AS**

# Rotary's plant sale is a big hit

*President nominee David Jakeway welcomes Beth Longley*

**THE first of two charity plant sales was held on Saturday, April 28 in Brynhill Golf Club car park, and was a great success.**

Organised by the Rotary Club of Barry, plants were provided by John Shapland, formerly of Broad Street Garden Centre.

The Rotary Club would like to thank everyone who supported the event, Brynhill Golf Club for the use of their car park and John Shapland for providing the plants.

The second charity plant sale will be held on Saturday, May 12 in the car park of the Toby Carvery (formerly Cwm Ciddy) on Port Road from 10am to 3pm. This time there will lots of bedding plants available, again provided by John Shapland.

A warm welcome is extended to everyone.

The Rotary Club of Barry meets weekly in Brynhill Golf Club on Thursdays 6pm for 6.30pm.

For further information, come along and chat to us at the Plant Sale, contact membership secretary, Ian Blackhouse on 07900112112 or look online at www.ribi.org.

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# 'Meeting inspiring women has been a delight'

**ASSEMBLY NOTES**

**by VALE AM JANE HUTT**

**OVER the past few weeks, I have been meeting inspiring women who are making a contribution to the community such as Soraya Kelly, who has launched a personal cancer campaign.**

She visited the Senedd with her team and we 'put on our gloves' to show we were united in supporting her campaign #theglovesareon.

Having been through breast cancer, she is determined to support others and raise awareness of her campaign.

This fits well with other women leading campaigns such as Lesley Woolcock's sister and family who drew attention to ovarian cancer at the Mother's Day walk in Barry in March.

I was also delighted to join Pam Allinson at the Barry and District Soroptomists 50th anniversary celebrations at the Memorial Hall last month.

Pam was a tireless campaigner for Breast Cancer Now and set up Breast Friends in Barry which meets in Barry Hospital once a month.

Pam is recovering from a stroke but is making great progress at Barry Hospital, near to family and friends.

Kay Ann Clarke is another pioneering woman from Barry who is involved in the pensions inequality campaign.

I recently paid tribute to Kay and campaigners from the Vale at a debate in the Senedd. She has brought women together who are affected by changes to state pensions which have detrimentally affected many women born in the 1950s.

They have raised concerns about the lack of notification about the UK Government pension changes which have forced many women into hardship after years of working and caring for their families.

I would also like to congratulate Cllr Jayne Norman and Cllr Margaret Wilkinson for taking the period poverty proposals through the Vale Council last week. I will be praising their initiative in a debate in the Senedd this week.

They drew attention to women and girls who are not able to afford sanitary protection. The Welsh Government has announced £1m to help schools and local authorities address this important issue to provide appropriate facilities and support for our young people.

I mentioned these campaigns and inspiring women at the Wales Assembly of Women Conference last Saturday, organised by inspiring Vale women Dr Jane Salisbury and Dr Eleri Evans, who were honouring Audrey Jones who was a formidable teacher and campaigner for women's rights.

She taught Dame Tanni Grey Thompson at St Cyres School, who said of her teacher: "She was an amazing teacher…a massive influence on my life."

We now have annual Audrey Jones Awards for women undertaking academic study and I was proud to make the awards at the conference with Robert Jones, Audrey's son.

Jean Silvan Evans, of Peterston super Ely, has been researching the life of Audrey Jones at the Glamorgan Archives and we heard more about her remarkable life and influence in Wales – including her evidence to the UN on a number of occasions regarding the status of women in society.

On June 10, we will be processing through Cardiff to honour and remember the suffragettes and all those women who have made a difference to our lives inspiring us to do more.

On May 18, I will be joining the 2018 Vale of Glamorgan Walking Festival organised by Valeways, and I hope there will be a great turnout for the Women's Trail walk, starting in Bron Y Mor Knap car park at 10.30am, to visit some of the houses and places of importance to women in Barry who have made their mark over the years.

These include a former suffragette, Annie Gwen Vaughan Jones, who lived in Porth y Castell. She was secretary of the Cardiff and District Women's Suffrage Society.

Also, Lucy Dickenson, who started up the SAFE Foundation, which is now expanding its work across the world.

We must continue to mark the centenary of the start for women getting the vote as we address the inequalities that still prevail – especially in relation to the gender pay gap, with latest figures showing that 78 per cent of companies pay men more than women.

*The ongoing campaign to tackle violence against women in Wales is coming to the fore, and we know how many women and men are working hard to tackle these inequalities here in the Vale and in Wales.*

# Mayor to relocate 'to save costs'

**THE Vale Council hopes to save thousands of pounds by restructuring how the mayor's office operates.**

This is part of the council's drive to hit a savings target of £6.2 million in 2018-19.

The role of the Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan is ceremonial and non-political, and he or she represents the council at civic functions. The mayor also supports local charities and community organisations.

On April 30, a report on how the mayor's office should operate in the future was agreed by the Vale Cabinet.

The mayor's budget for 2017-18 amounted to £30,500, and with support costs, it rose to £85,000.

The report proposed a relocation of the mayor's office from the town hall to the civic offices with a building saving cost of £24,500. The council also believes the mayoral budget can be cut from £30,500 to £20,000.

The council hopes the Mayor's Parlour in the town hall can be let.

The council hopes the total savings of the restructuring could be as much as £85,000.

The position of mayor and deputy mayor are not in danger and the council believes further savings could be made in the future. The mayor will continue to chair full council meetings and represent the council at important functions.

Cllr Ian Johnson had written to the cabinet asking that the use of the town hall be limited to non-housing related purposes.

In his letter, he said: "…I am concerned that declaring Vale Council mayoral office space at the town hall surplus to requirements without conditions may lead to unintended consequences that would not be beneficial to Barry town centre."

Cllr John Thomas, leader of Vale Council, told Monday's meeting: "I do concur with Cllr Johnson. There was never any intention for the town hall to be used for housing purposes."

A new 'Mayor's Fund' has also been set up to make up to £5,000 available to 'good causes'.

Cllr Leighton Rowlands, the Vale Council's mayor-elect for 2018-19, said: "As mayor-elect, I have been working with the Leader to develop a scheme that will see the mayor's office used to raise awareness of local charities and community groups.

"This new Mayor's Fund will follow the principle established by the council's Strong Communities Grant Fund and will allow local organisations within the Vale the opportunity to apply to receive small donations throughout the year." **GR**

# PACT meetings

**Meetings in Barry**

WHY not come along to **Gibbonsdown** 'Cuppa with a Copper' which is held every Monday morning at the Aberaeron HUB, Aberaeron Close between 10am and 12 noon?

**Gibbonsdown PACT** will be held at the Residents Board Office, Coychurch Rise Barry on Tuesday, May 8 at 10.30am.

**Cadoc** 'Cuppa with a Copper' will be held at Victoria Park Community Centre every Monday morning between 10am and 11am.

**Castleland** 'Cuppa with a Copper' at Atlantic Café, Wimbourne Road, Barry between 10.30am and 12 noon on Tuesday, May 8.

**Meetings in Penarth**

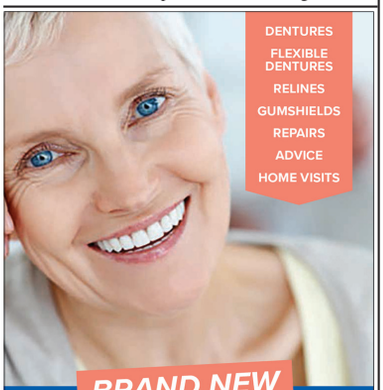
YOU can meet your local officers at **Penarth Library** on Thursday, May 3 between 10am and 11am.

**Meetings in the Vale**

**ST BRIDES** 'coffee and chat' will be held at the Golden Cups, Southerndown on Thursday, May 3 at 11am.

**Llantwit Major** Police Surgery will be held on Thursday, May 3 at Llantwit Major Library between 10.30am and 11.30am.

If you have any issues that are affecting your quality of life but are unable to attend a meeting, contact 101 for non emergencies or log onto: www.south-wales.police.uk where you will find contact details for your local PCSO and you can contact them directly for non emergency matters.

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# BRIDGE OF SPIES AT COMMUNITY CINEMA

**THE next film at All Saints Community Cinema, Penarth, on Thursday, May 17, will be *Bridge of Spies*, directed and co-produced by Steven Speilberg, starring Tom Hanks, Mark Rylance, Amy Ryan and Alan Alda.**

Mark Rylance won the best supporting Oscar for his performance in this film.

Set during the Cold War, the film tells the story of lawyer James B Donovan, who is entrusted with negotiating the release of Francis Gary Powers – an American Air Force pilot whose U-2 spy plane was shot down over the soviet Union in 1960 – in exchange for Rudolf Abel, a convicted Soviet KGB spy.

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# Cardiff Airport working towards 'Real Living Wage'

**GEM reader David Alexander wrote to us to express his views on the rates of pay of security staff at Cardiff Airport. The GEM contacted the airport for a response which follows.**

*Mr Alexander wrote:*

Having acquired a lovely new granddaughter, a little Welsh/Dutch girl, my wife and I have taken regular visits to Amsterdam through Cardiff Airport.

Travelling by air more frequently than our previous annual dose of Greek sunshine, I discovered to my horror that the people who work tirelessly to ensure our safety – the security staff – are, apparently, paid less than the 'real living wage' (£8.79 an hour).

If these were security people in a museum who sit on a seat in the corner guarding against the hugely remote possibility that someone will try to steal a Titian it might be a different matter.

Working the security gate at an airport is a totally different task.

These people work under constant pressure to get large groups of people checked and through security as efficiently as possible.

They have deal with all sorts of people with patience, tact and courtesy – from disabled people who need special help, to people of various faiths and ethnicities who may need to be dealt with differently, to sports fans, stag parties and hen parties full of high spirits who might need a little diplomatic calming down.

A very difficult aspect of their job is having to enforce regulations that some people object to – having to confiscate items that cannot be taken on board a plane in hand luggage for example.

Occasionally, and it is very occasionally, those objections can become vehement or even abusive or threatening.

The security gate is the 'front line' in ensuring the safety of aircraft passengers; the staff on that gate do all the above while being constantly vigilant to ensure that safety.

I don't think it is it fair or acceptable that on top of that pressure the security staff are paid so little that they have to struggle to pay their bills. My view is that the people who give such sterling service, in such an important role, deserve at least a decent living wage.

The airport security staff are being assisted, along with other groups who are poorly paid, by 'Citizens Cymru'.

So far negotiations with the airport management have, I'm led to believe, been unsuccessful.

I will be joining with others in a day of protest on May 1, which is International Workers Day; readers who would like add their support can contact jonathan.cox@citizenswales.org.uk.

In response, a spokeswoman for Cardiff Airport said: "For clarity concerning wages, Cardiff Airport already pays above the National Living Wage for all staff – both above and below the age of 25.

"We are also committed to working towards achieving the Real Living Wage with a pledge to have this in place by April 2020, subject to the airport moving back to a position of profitability by that date.

"This position was agreed with the recognised unions in 2016.

"The current union-agreed pay award sets pay levels until April 2019.

"Based on planning and assumptions, we are currently aiming to ensure that airport staff, across all departments, are paid at least the Real Living Wage by 2020.

"The phased approach is essential to ensure the long-term sustainability of the airport business, securing jobs and future growth.

"Cardiff Airport is on a robust recovery plan and we are proud of the progress achieved since the change to Welsh Government ownership in 2013. The airport was at the lowest point in its history, making significant losses and was in very real danger of being closed, with the subsequent loss of up to 2,000 jobs across the airport site.

"Our focus is on continuing the journey of growth and improvement, whilst delivering a sustainable airport for Wales and protecting the 250 members of staff and the 2,600 indirect and induced jobs in the region.

"The airport also significantly benefits the local economy with an overall GVA (gross value added) impact of £102 million."

# Car hits rocks at Ogmore-by-Sea

**THE police attended an incident at Ogmore By Sea car park on Monday, April 30, after a car went onto the rocks.**

A spokeswoman explained: "Officers responded to calls raising concern for a member of the public whose car had gone onto the rocks at around 1.19pm.

"The Welsh Ambulance Service were also in attendance."

A Welsh Ambulance spokesman said: "We were called at shortly before 2pm to reports a car had collided with rocks at Ogmore-by-Sea.

"We sent a crew in an emergency ambulance and a man was taken to the Princess of Wales Hospital in Bridgend with minor injuries."

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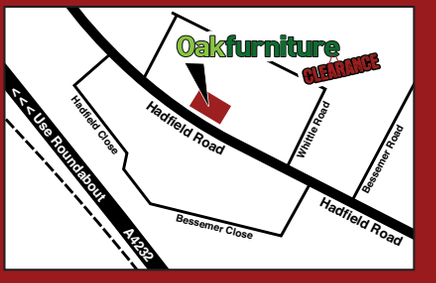

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# CARE LEAVERS EXEMPT FROM COUNCIL TAX UNTIL THEY ARE 25

**THE Vale Council has agreed to exempt care leavers from paying council tax in a move designed to 'ease the pressure on them as they embark on adult life'.**

It comes after Barry councillor Vincent Bailey raised the issue in full council in December.

The council has dispensation under the Local Government Finance Act (1992) to provide council tax relief to certain groups. The local authority's cabinet agreed to extend this to care leavers at a meeting on April 30.

Cllr Bailey said the measure was designed to help a group of people who were often setting out on life alone because they didn't have family support.

"Care leavers face disproportionately high barriers to gaining employment and education, and a council tax exemption will remove some of the financial pressures they face.

"It's tough enough for any young person setting out to live alone, but for someone leaving care without the support of their parents, managing money can be a huge task.

"This is about giving a helping hand to some of the most vulnerable members of society – and I am proud to have helped raise the profile of this serious issue."

Cllr John Thomas, Leader of the council, said: "Children and young people who are looked after by the local authority, rather than their parents, are among the most vulnerable in our communities.

"Care leavers face a great many challenges when they move into independent accommodation and begin to manage their own finances fully for the first time. The move we have agreed is designed to make this transition a little easier.

"Although the number of people likely to receive this discount is very small, it has the potential to have a hugely beneficial impact on their lives and so I am delighted to have been able to bring it into effect."

The exemption will apply to all care leavers until they reach the age of 25. It will cover the full cost of any council tax due and will be backdated to April 1, 2018.

The council estimates that the cost will be less than £10,000 a year.

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**FOLLOWING the success of the community art exhibition 'Visual Perspectives' which ran throughout April, a Community Art Fair will be held at the Old Hall, Cowbridge throughout May.**

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# Dog breeder who made £50,000 by mis-selling puppies receives a suspended sentence

**A DOG breeder has received a suspended sentence and a curfew after Cardiff Crown Court heard how she had advertised puppies for sale that she did not have, lied about their genetic make-up and overbred her animals.**

Following a successful prosecution by the Vale Council, Lisa Canning was sentenced to 30 weeks on each of five counts, suspended for two years together with 200 hours of unpaid work to be completed in 12 months and a four-month night time curfew.

Canning made around £50,000 from the unlawful trade through her business 4 Small Paws, which was based first at East Aberthaw and then Castle-upon-Alun, selling dogs through such websites as Pets4Hones, Preloved Pets and Gumtree.

Less than a week before her Crown Court trial was due to begin, she pleaded guilty to four counts of fraud and one of engaging in unfair commercial practice.

Ms Canning was selling dogs as sought-after breeds for high prices, suggesting they had full vaccination and medical histories.

But the investigation revealed a very different story about their background and there was often no record of any veterinary procedures having been carried out.

Some dogs had been acquired from unknown sources and locations, while others had been bred in breach of the terms of her licence.

Ms Canning claimed to sell Cockerpoos, Cocker Spaniels, Chocolate Labradors, Cavipoos, Pugs and Scottish Terriers, though some of the dogs weren't what they appeared.

One family purchased what they thought was a Cockerpoo, a cross between a Cocker Spaniel and a Miniature Poodle, for £650 but DNA tests revealed the dog was actually 25 per cent Miniature Poodle, 25 per cent Toy Poodle and 50 per cent Bichon Frise.

Another individual was told they had bought a Golden Labrador after parting with £750, only for DNA tests to prove it was actually 37.5 per cent Labrador Retriever, 12.5 per cent Golden Retriever and 50 per cent Cocker Spaniel.

Both dogs were sold with no paperwork to verify their breed and medical history, and only a voucher offering four weeks' free insurance was provided. In both of the above cases, the dates of birth proved to be questionable, and the exact age of the puppies was therefore unknown.

At Ms Canning's kennels, dogs fell pregnant more often than was permitted and some before they were legally old enough, meaning she was producing more animals than allowed.

Following Ms Canning's arrest, a number of animals were placed with Hope Rescue, a local dog rescue charity that works in partnership with the Council.

Ms Canning also engaged in a practice known as 'bait advertising', which involves advertising an animal a person does not own in order to entice a customer to buy another.

Customers were also misled by being directed to purchase Canning's puppies from a friend of hers who posed as a private breeder.

Yhe court was told that, in total, more than 100 puppies were unlawfully sold, though Ms Canning's chaotic record keeping meant it was impossible to establish the exact number.

In passing sentence, Judge Crowther QC told Lisa Canning that her actions were calculated to defraud the public and she had criminally enriched herself to the tune of £50,000. She had a long-standing licence to breed dogs that imposed restrictions and she breached every one.

He said: "It wasn't simply failure to not have regard to a licence, you took other measures to avoid conditions. This was a front for puppy farms and a conduit through which those maligned businesses operate. This wasn't a victimless crime; the harm is that you play on people's emotions, children especially."

Canning was ordered to pay a total of £46,595 in costs, compensation of £3,095 and a victim surcharge.

Cllr Hunter Jarvie, a member of the Shared Regulatory Services Joint Committee, said: "This business was operating fraudulently on a large scale with absolutely no regard for the rules and regulations put in place to protect both animals and customers.

"Hard work from Shared Regulatory Services officers, on behalf of the council, has ensured this individual has been brought to justice.

"The Vale Council will not tolerate this kind of operation, which defrauds people looking for pets out of significant sums of money and mistreats animals. I hope the severity of the punishment handed out acts as a deterrent to others thinking of committing similar offences."

Vanessa Waddon, Founder of Hope Rescue, added: "When we took in four of Ms Canning's Cocker Spaniels, all of which were heavily pregnant, the effects of these young dogs being used as nothing more than breeding machines were clear to see. As well as having various health issues, they were all completely withdrawn and wary of human contact.

"We spent several thousands of pounds taking care of the dogs and their pups that were all born in our care, picking up the cost of Ms Canning's neglect.

"She was clearly putting profit above the wellbeing of the dogs, and our thanks go to the Vale Council for pursuing this case to ensure she faced justice." **CS**

*Some of the puppies were not what they appeared.*

# Keen bargain Hunters head for mid Wales

**ON Bank Holiday weekend (May 5 and 6), the International Antique and Home and Vintage Fair of Wales returns to the Royal Welsh Showground, Builth Wells.**

The twice-yearly show has two sets of TV shows coming to film at the event. *Bargain Hunt* will be filming four shows over the two days which will he aired in the autumn.

A spokesperson said: "*Bargain Hunt* is a regular visitor to the show and have been filming for many years with different presenters.

"The second TV crew is from *Salvage Hunters*, where Drew, an antique dealer, hunts out items to restore and then re-sell at a later date. This is their first visit to the Antique Home and Vintage Show which has been running for 15 years."

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The scenarios being tested were a shoreline search for a casualty; an offshore search for multiple casualties in the sea; a mud rescue and a communications blackspot where a drone is required to relay information between rescue teams and a casualty on a cliff.

Hannah Nobbs, of the RNLI's innovation team, explained: "The aim of the event was to provide realistic scenarios and an authentic operating environment to explore the use of drones in multi-agency operations.

"We hope this will allow us to understand the benefits and limitations of their use in search and rescue activity.

"The week-long test event was the culmination of around two years of work, where we've explored the use of drones in collaboration with key search and rescue partners and industry experts.

"The RNLI has a proud history of embracing new technology – from cork lifejackets in the 1800s to the design and build of our waterjet-propelled Shannon class lifeboat.

"So, it's very exciting for us to now explore the potential use of drones in search and rescue activity, in partnership with the Maritime and Coastguard Agency."

Phil Hanson of the MCA, said that while drones can't replicate what helicopters can do, they could become a vital new tool for rescuers.

"There is significant evidence emerging from our overseas counterparts and more locally from UK mountain rescue teams indicating that drones can play a crucial role in emergency response.

"It's too early to comment on how we will move forward from the trials but one thing we all agree on is that drones cannot replace helicopters, coastguard rescue teams or lifeboats. However, it is entirely possible that they could be an additional tool to use in search and rescue."

The RNLI and MCA were helped in carrying out the tests by Lockheed Martin UK, Scisys and the University of Bath.

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The theme is 'The Year of the Sea,' but there's no need to be a hardcore coastal hiker to take part in the festival, which starts on Tuesday, May 15.

"Eleven of our 28 walks are three miles or less, so if you aren't a seasoned walker or you feel gentler terrain suits you best, then it's the perfect occasion to dip a (well-shod) toe in the water.

"Some of the walks, organised by the walking charity, Valeways, are in the Cowbridge, Barry and Llantwit areas and are perfect for seniors – the least junior person joining Valeways' regular strollers is in her 90s!" said Marion.

"At the other end of the spectrum, we have a family trail around Amelia Farm at Walterston, on Saturday, May 19, giving children a chance to revel in the wildlife and farm animals.

"So, all ages, all tastes and more vigorous challenges, like the eight mile, glorious panoramic leg-stretcher over the downs at Ogmore, are on the programme, too".

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### AM's surgery

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### Art exhibition

**LLANTWIT MAJOR Art and Craft Group will hold its annual exhibition of paintings and craft work on Saturday, May 5 and Sunday, May 6 between 10am and 4pm at the Llantonian Hall, Llantwit Major.**

All welcome; meet the artists and enjoy some light refreshments. Admission free.

For the Gwanwyn Festival, the group have set up an Art Trail around Llantwit Major for the whole of May. Both events are being sponsored by Age UK and Arts Council Wales and further details can be obtained either at the exhibition or at the information centre.

### Dementia help

**ARE you looking how to support a loved one or relative with dementia? Did you know games can help with memory loss?**

A dementia awareness champion will hold a session on Tuesday, May 8 at at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry, from 10am to 12 noon.

Trained volunteer computer support will be also be available. No appointment is needed; just come along. Contact 01446 732385 for further information.

### Independent living

**ARE you a carer, relative or living on your own and need advice on acquiring aids to make life easier to live independently?**

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### Cowbridge U3A

**THE next Cowbridge U3A monthly meeting will be a talk entitled 'Brunel in South Wales (Part 1)' by Stephen K Jones, at 2pm on Wednesday, May 9 in Cowbridge Town Hall.**

Visitors welcome; there is a small fee, which includes refreshments. See www.u3asites.org.uk/cowbridge.

### Cardiomyopathy group meets

**THE Cardiomyopathy UK Bridgend Support Group will meet next at The Welfare Hall, Heol Y Groes, Pencoed (CF35 5PE) on Saturday, May 12 from 2pm-4pm.**

The speaker will be Moira Ashton, BHF heart failure specialist nurse who will be giving a talk on heart failure and its management.

### Art exhibition at Llantonian Hall

**LLANTWIT MAJOR Art and Craft Group is holding its annual exhibition at Llantonian Hall on May 5 and May 6 from 10am until 4pm.**

A spokesman said: "The exhibition will include a diverse range of art and craft work produced by the members of the group. The group meets at the Llantonian Hall on the first and third Friday of the month, 7.30pm-9pm.

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"The young couple were delighted with the good news," said Mr Harding, a professional jeweller.

He went on to say, "The couple asked me not to reveal the exact amount they received but I can confirm we are talking thousands of pounds."

### HIDDEN TREASURE

Like most readers you probably have dreamt about winning the pools or fnding a pot of gold.

Many households have hidden treasure sitting around with the owners not knowing the true value. Well, this week is your chance to visit Penarth and Barry.

Mr Harding added, "With many years of experience in valuing and purchasing watches, jewellery and gems, I could tell you many stories when people have visited a roadshow with items that were seemingly of little value to them." Whilst reading this article, many
readers will be thinking of an old item or a piece of unused jewellery.

### VALUATION

Mr Harding added, "The reasons behind choosing Barry is because it's well situated and well known to local people. The roadshow will be the last of its kind to visit the area. Many items are hoped to be found."

Your help is needed to make this unusual event a success with a free valuation service and no obligation to sell, what is there to lose?

Things you should look for and take next week include broken rings, old chains, pocket watches, old silver, diamond and gem set jewellery (even with stones missing), old pictures, objects d'art, coins, medals and virtually anything old or interesting.

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# *Avengers: Infinity War* is '...a truly exceptional triumph of a film'

by GARETH JAMIESON
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**NOT since *The Force Awakens* has there been a film with so much hype and expectation than *Avengers: Infinity War*. Ever since *Iron Man* broke through in 2008, the Marvel Cinematic Universe has been a dominant cinematic force, and, since 2012's *The Avengers*, has been heading for a battle between our heroes and the Mad Titan himself, Thanos.**

That time is now at hand in *Avengers: Infinity War*, as Thanos (Josh Brolin) finally makes his move to claim the Infinity Stones which will allow him to control the universe and wipe out half of humanity. But seemingly every Marvel hero we've met so far has designs on stopping him, and the likes of Iron Man (Robert Downey Jr), Captain America (Chris Evans), Thor (Chris Hemsworth) and Black Panther (Chadwick Boseman), amongst others, must unite against the biggest threat the world, and indeed universe, has ever seen...

The undertaking of *Avengers: Infinity War* is an epic one – a film that must thread together an untold number of plot strands, make them a cohesive whole and deliver the thrills and spectacle that we've been accustomed to ever since Robert Downey blasted out of that cave 10 years ago.

If directors the Russo brothers proved with *Captain America: The Winter Soldier* and sequel *Civil War* that they're a pretty good fit at melding all these elements together, then *Infinity War* is possibly their biggest accomplishment yet – to deliver such an engaging, exciting, emotional blockbuster that doesn't leave you feeling shortchanged in any way is a rare feat indeed.

Suffice to say, *Infinity War* feels like a film a decade in the making; this is the beginning of the end of the first huge chapter of the MCU, and as such the stakes have never been higher.

One of the criticisms levelled at the films has been the indestructible nature of the heroes and the blandness of the villains. We would be venturing into spoiler territory to talk about the former, but the villain subject isn't one that needs to be skirted over – for all the talk and hype about Thanos being the ultimate 'big bad', the villain to end all villains, he more than lives up to the part.

Essayed (flawlessly) through motion capture by Josh Brolin, he is a substantial villain, intent on causing death and destruction but with the reasoning to back it up. Marvel have upped their villain game in their last few films and Thanos is without doubt the most dastardly and ruthless one yet.

Of course, every villain needs a hero and there's plenty to choose from here, with nearly every single hero from the Marvel roster thus far ready to tangle with Thanos and his horde. It says much for the Russos, and scriptwriters Christopher Markus and Stephen McFeely, that each character has a purpose and has something to get their teeth stuck into. Of course, some are more prominent than others but none feel superfluous and shoehorned in.

It's the bigger names that get the biggest weight to pull – Robert Downey Jr's journey from cocksure hero to man on the brink has been played out superbly well and Tony Stark is a vital as ever, while Chris Hemsworth's Thor renaissance continues in what may very well be his best outing as the Norse god yet.

But there is also light relief from *Guardians of the Galaxy*, with Chris Pratt, Zoe Saldana and Karen Gillan all superb, while Tom Holland's Spider-Man continues to go from strength to strength and Benedict Cumberbatch's Doctor Strange looks like he's always been there.

There's nary a bone to pick in terms of the performances with some really emotional moments for the characters to deliver, and proof that playing the long game gives the greatest rewards. We feel the peril and troubles of these characters far more deeply as they've been around for so long and we, as an audience, are so invested in them.

In terms of direction, the Russos have done a marvellous job. At 150 minutes, the film zips by, lean and mean with no fat on its bones, and it even manages to avoid that most common of pitfalls, the second act sag. Visually there is no scrimping on scale and the action beats have a fizz and dynamism that is enthralling.

The fact that we have another *Avengers* film coming next year means that film may feel a little open-ended for some, but even then it feels self-contained, delivers everything you would want and, incredibly, throws some curveballs that will leave you stunned.

It's a sublime film, a piece of work that delivers in all areas. *Avengers: Infinity War* is a roller-coaster that leaves you exhausted come the end credits (or just past the end credits, if you catch my drift) – a truly exceptional triumph of a film.

**VERDICT**: Marvel at its biggest, its boldest and (quite possibly) its best, *Avengers: Infinity War* is a sweeping, dramatic, action-packed spectacle of a film, capable of delivering gag after gut punch after high-octane action sequence. The Russo brothers excel themselves with a thoroughly engaging and thrilling piece of work that begins to reshape the fabric of the MCU. *Essential viewing*.

**SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED:** *The Avengers* (2012), *Captain America: Civil War* (2016).

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**ON Wednesday, May 9 at 10.30am, the Cosmeston Coffee Shop Strollers meet outside the information office at Cosmeston Country Park.**

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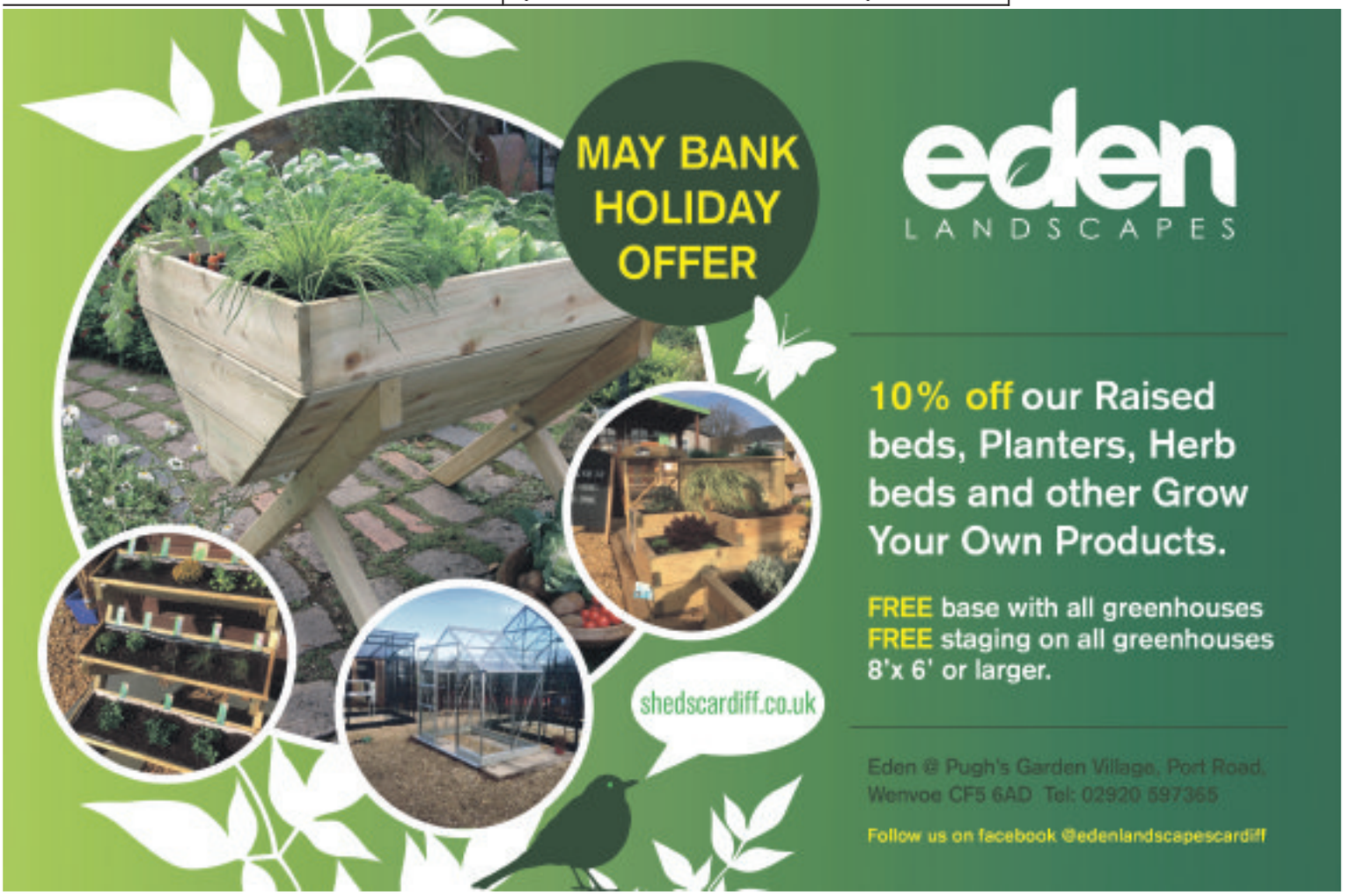

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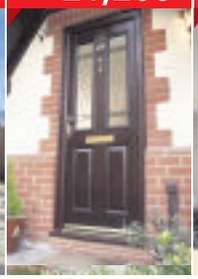

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# In Business Update

## Local solicitors in final of UK business awards

**NEWBOLD SOLICITORS will be attending the UK finals of the Small Businesses Awards in London this week, representing Wales in the national finals.**

Having won the Welsh heat, they are proud to be representing Wales against the area finalists for the UK.The awards will be held at the Park Plaza Hotel in Westminster.

Catherine Hartland said: "I am really pleased for all the staff here at Newbold Solicitors, everyone has worked so hard to make the firm what it is today in very challenging times. I am also very pleased that a business in the Vale has been put on a national platform.

"There are over 160,000 members of the Federation, so to be the Welsh winners is a massive achievement for us. We would love to win the national final, but there are so many other deserving businesses who have achieved incredible success, that we will not be too disappointed if we are not the national winners."

Newbold Solicitors employ almost 70 staff in their four offices. They have been nominated for 12 national awards in their seven years of trading.

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Local property specialist Mark Jennings said: "In reality, it is not difficult to see why so many sales fall through, with the main reasons cited being buyers not able to arrange finance, buyers and sellers re-negotiating the price prior to exchange of contracts, surveys revealing structural defects with the property and the slow process from offer to completion."

How do you avoid your purchase or sale falling through? The key is ensuring both buyers and sellers receive great service, prior to an offer being accepted and after.

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# VALE RESTAURANTS PICK UP TOP AWARDS

*RIGHT: South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies meets Chloe Francis of Cobbles Kitchen & Deli which has have recently been awarded the title of Welsh Restaurant of the Year.*

**SOUTH Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies has congratulated the Vale of Glamorgan restaurants recognised at the Food Awards Wales 2018.**

The awards, held on April 23 at the Exchange Hotel, Cardiff, are given to restaurants and cafes chosen by the public as the best in their field.

Cobbles Kitchen & Deli based in Ogmore-by-Sea picked up the gong for Welsh restaurant of the year.

Mr Davies recently visited Cobbles to meet owner Chloe Francis and to see her exciting plans to expand the business.

Penarth-based Michelin-starred James Sommerin was recognised twice as both Chef of the Year and Fine Dining Restaurant of the Year.

Another Penarth business, The Crepe Escape, picked up the award for Dessert Outlet of the Year.

Mr Davies praised all three for their work putting the Vale on the map and said they were "huge assets to the area".

Mr Davies said: "The food industry is key to the economy in the Vale and it brings a huge boost when local businesses do well.

"I recently visited Cobbles and they are going from strength to strength; Chloe's enthusiasm and ambition to improve is admirable. She fully deserves the accolade of restaurant of the year.

"James's record and CV speaks for itself and he has done a huge amount for Penarth. It's frankly no surprise to see him pick up Chef of the Year and Fine Dining Restaurant of the Year and I'm delighted for him.

"The Crepe Escape offers something different – and shows we do puddings as well as mains! All three courses are definitely on offer in the Vale.

"Cobbles, Restaurant James Sommerin and The Crepe Escape put the Vale on the map and we're very lucky to have them."

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# The end of the 'coastal line' – 50 years ago

**AT 11.44pm on May 4, 1968, a small group of railway enthusiasts gathered at Penarth railway station to bid farewell to the last train to depart for Barry via the 'coastal route,' this time only calling at Sully by request.**

Earlier in the day the single car 'bubble' unit made regular calls to the other stations on the line; Alberta Place Halt, passing the long closed Lower Penarth station/halt before arriving at Lavernock.

It travelled onwards through the large cutting to Swanbridge and Sully and then to Cadoxton, where the service ended – too late for the connection on to Barry (which might explain how scarce a commodity passengers were on this stretch of line).

The line was opened in stages from 1887 to 1888 terminating at a remote 'station' at Biglis which was located near some fields until the following year, when agreement was reached with the fierce rival railway company, the Barry Railway, to allow trains to enter Cadoxton railway station – but no further. So the line became known as the 'Cadoxton branch' of the Taff Vale Railway.

*So why was the line built at all?*

Under the title of the Cardiff, Penarth and Barry Junction Railway, it was intended to halt the expansion of Barry Dock from one large dock to a further number two dock. The plans originally were for the new line to cross the site of the second dock, so preventing it from being built.

For the CPBR, read the Taff Vale Railway, which was still reeling from the opening of Barry No 1 dock, sucking millions of tons of coal traffic down the Barry line.

It was funded by coal owners and the like spearheaded by David Davies of Llandinam, to the detriment of the TVR's dock at Penarth.

Needless to say, the plan was thrown out by Parliament and the TVR ended up with a piece of useless railway on their hands. If that was not bad enough, by getting access to Cadoxton, the Barry Railway in turn had the right to join the Taff line at Cogan Junction, having direct access to Cardiff.

The Cadoxton branch settled down to a life of rural bliss. Lavernock station catered for a local population of less than 60 and Sully had less than 300 residents. Lower Penarth station served the Glamorganshire Golf Club. Both Sully and Lavernock had the luxury of a signal box and a petit goods yard for agricultural needs and a wagon of coal now and then.

At Biglis, the TVR constructed a small goods depot – there were two brickworks nearby. In an effort to increase passenger traffic, two motor platforms were added.

A 'motor car' in railway terms was a tiny steam locomotive bolted to a passenger carriage – the forerunner of today's diesel multiple unit – one between Lower Penarth and Penarth town station at Alberta Place to serve the cliff walk and local well-to-do residents and between Lavernock and Sully, a halt at Swanbridge.

The height of the line's success was in the early 1920s when the 'Ports to Ports' express from Newcastle to Barry, and later Swansea (for seafarers to change ports for new employment), was for some reason diverted via Penarth, despite stiff gradients of 1 in 40 to Penarth Town and 1 in 45 to Lower Penarth.

Possibly the very tight curve at Cogan may have been a consideration – or maybe Penarth Docks itself.

In later years, both Sully and Lavernock were provided with camping coaches, but the bread and butter, passenger-wise, was the summer season, when thousands flocked via the train to the sedate coastal beaches of Lavernock, Sully and Swanbridge.

Excursion trains came from all over the valleys, sometimes with as many as a dozen coaches. The regular service was remarkable too, with up to 20 trains per day.

A further boost to the railway was the opening of the Penarth Cement Works and its next-door neighbour, the Penarth Concrete Works.

The goods yard at Biglis faded away, but after 'grouping', when the Taff Vale and Barry Railways became part of the Great Western Railway, at last the Cadoxton trains could now proceed to Barry and beyond.

Rationalisation began with the closure of Lower Penarth station in 1954 after already being reduced to the status of a halt in the 1930s.

The arrival of diesel multiple units in 1958 was a bonus and the special reduced day tickets to the line from all over south Wales continued to be promoted.

The Penarth–Cadoxton branch had even been overlooked in the 'Reshaping of British Railways' programme (better known as the Beeching Report), but the writing was on the wall.

As a part of the rationalisation of track layout between Cardiff and Penarth (the Penarth Town line was singled) while the line to Sully remained double track, also the line was split at Penarth Town so isolating the Cadoxton line – no trains could now go via Penarth to Barry.

A single-coach bubble car replaced the three to six DMUs, and bus companies had a bus stop next to every station on the line. The inevitable 'Notice of Withdrawal of Railway Passenger Services' poster was duly posted in 1967. Objections ensued and the line remained open for a further 12 months, but after public enquiry, the closure plans were upheld on the grounds that there were more than adequate bus replacement services.

On May 4, 1968, the last train with 17 passengers on board left that night for the last time, the red rear light disappearing into the darkness, ironically at the beginning of the summer timetable – the time of year the railway may have paid its way.

Attempts to restore the railway to Lower Penarth many years later were thwarted by local objections. One wonders whether in the light of the proposed major housing developments, that this curious railway might today have been a godsend to the residents of Sully around the coast to Penarth as a fast transit service to Cardiff. I would welcome comments on this.

**Brian Keitch**

## *WHAT'S ON, AND WHERE*

### Neil Diamond tribute evening

**A CHARITY fundraising Neil Diamond tribute event on behalf of the Marie Curie charity takes place on Friday, May 11 at Tondu Railway club; doors open 7.30pm. Tickets (£10) from Tondu Railway club on 01656 720005; Maureen on 01656 723512 or Helen on 01656 660391. Funds raised will go towards helping all patients in Bridgend county.**

### Outdoor church service

**THE United Christian Churches Pencoed are holding their annual outdoor Pentecostal Service on the green opposite Pencoed monument (CF35 5PE) on Sunday, May 20 at 2.30pm, weather permitting.**

If the weather is unsuitable, the service will be in Pencoed Miners Welfare Hall, Heol-Y-Groes, Pencoed. Refreshments will be served following the service; everyone welcome.

# South Wales Classic Car Club to mark their 35th anniversary

**IN 1983, a small group of about a dozen classic car enthusiasts got together to form what is now the South Wales Classic Car Club, and is this year marking its 35th anniversary.**

The first annual show was held in 1986 at the Dow Corning Social Club in Barry, and later moved to the South Wales Constabulary Social Club in Waterton, Bridgend, where it remained until the closure of that facility some years later.

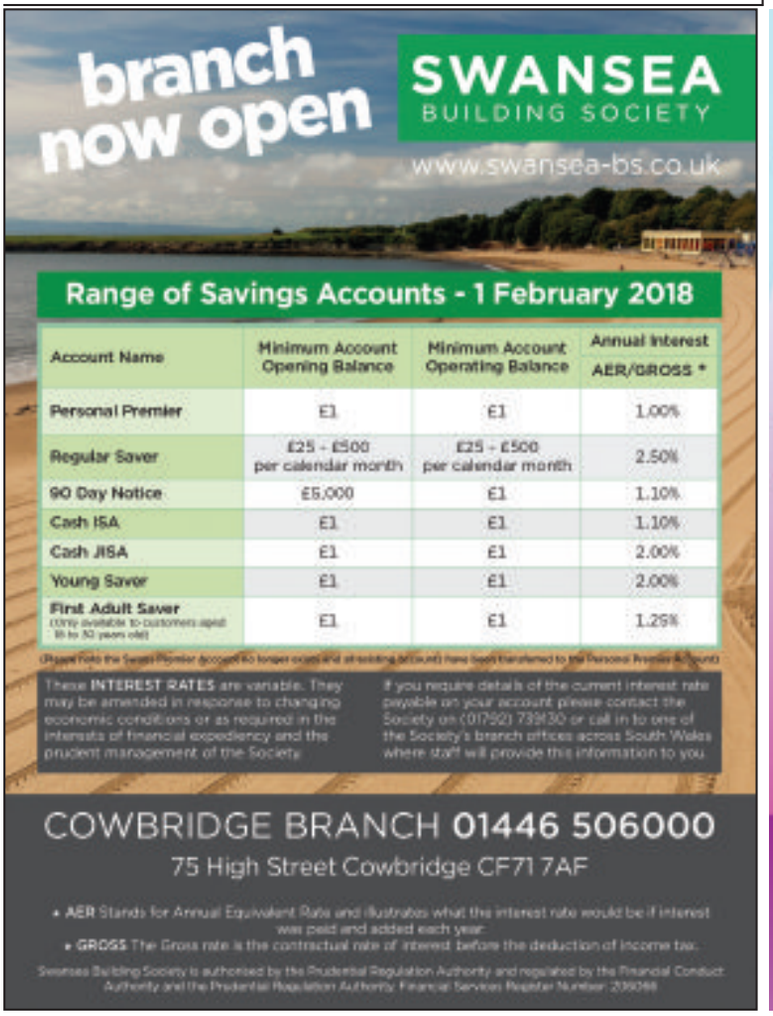
A subsequent move to the former agricultural college in Pencoed allowed the show to continue to flourish on an annual basis until the weather intervened in 2014. It resulted in a further move from 2015 onwards to the car park of Cardiff City Stadium in Leckwith Road, Cardiff.The show is now in its fourth year at this venue and will hopefully continue to improve with age.

It is staged by members of the club, now numbering some 100 or so active members (although many have come and gone over the years) on an entirely voluntary basis.

Any profits from the show are distributed amongst various local charities, to which the club is pleased to have donated many thousands of pounds over the years.

The club is always open to new members and further information regarding new membership, exhibiting at the show, or charitable donations, can be found on the website at swccc.net.

Alternatively, we meet at Pontyclun Athletic Club, Castan Road, Pontyclun, on the first Thursday of every month, at which we will be pleased to welcome potential new members and visitors alike.

# Ducks on the move to raise cash for church

**MEMBERS of Barry Uniting Church, based at the 'portacabin' between the Waterfront Medical Centre and Poundstretcher Extra, have launched an exciting fundraising campaign to boost funds for the development of their new permanent community centre and church building.**

*Members of Barry Uniting Church with their ducks*

The 'Bridge Between' will be located alongside the footpath linking the retail park to Heol y Llongau on Barry Waterfront. Building is anticipated to start in spring 2019.

The 'Great International Barry Duck Race' is a sponsored event that will run over the summer and 300 plastic ducks have been donated to the campaign.

The ducks are available for a suggested donation of £5 from the centre. Entrants are invited to take photographs of their ducks in places far and wide, beginning with the 26 letters of the alphabet and should obtain at least four sponsors to support their efforts. Prizes will be awarded for the greatest distances travelled from the centre.

Details of the competition are provided on the church's Facebook page 'Barry Waterfront Centre'. The Community Garden at the centre will be open on Saturday, May 5 from 10am until 1pm when ducks will be available for collection and plans of the new centre are on display.

Refreshments will be served during the morning and the building is also open for teas and coffees every Thursday morning from 10am until 12 noon.

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# Busy times for Highlight Park WI

**HIGHLIGHT Park WI gathered on the first Tuesday of the month for a fun meeting with a quiz.**

The AGM was held on April 18 with a good attendance. Carol Atkinson was introduced as the federation advisor who had come to oversee the proceedings. She emphasised how important it is to discuss problems before they get too complicated.

A letter of thanks had been received from Jane Dixon, head of the Denman Appeal. This was for Highlight WI's contribution to improvements needed to keep the Denman buildings up to scratch and provide good accommodation for its many visitors who enjoy time away.

A grand total of £712 was raised by holding a combined tea party at Highlight Park, hosted by local WIs in the area.

June Davies read out the minutes of the previous meeting which were accepted. Resolutions were discussed and one item was overwhelmingly popular, with the highest results going to mental health.

Pam Aldridge read the financial statement for 2017 and Pam Ralphs then itemised all the events, fundraisers, days out, meals out and evenings in with varied speakers – a full year! Besides the monthly meetings, a theatre group and lunch dates were added to regular activities.

Barbara Bowring's report promised support for the three local charities that will benefit. She had great hopes for the coming year and thanked all the members for their hard work.

A visit to the Memo was arranged by Sue Wade to *Beyond the Barricade*, a tribute to the top shows of London theatre.

A bus load of eager ladies gathered on April 27 for an awayday to Tredegar Park and Garden Centre and had a very enjoyable visit.

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| Friday 11th May | 8:00am – 12:00pm | St Athan Village Community Centre |
| Saturday 12th May | 9:00am – 12:00pm | Morrisons Car Park, Barry |
| Tuesday 15th May | 4:30pm – 7:30pm | St Brides Major Primary School |
| Wednesday 16th May | 2:00pm – 4:00pm | Ham Lane East, Llantwit Major |
| Thursday 17th May | 5:00pm – 8:00pm | Murch Community Centre, Dinas Powys |
| Saturday 19th May | 9:00am – 12:00pm | Room 1, Kymin, Penarth |
| Sunday 20th May | 6:30am – 2:00pm | Sully Car Boot Sale |
| Thursday 24th May | 10:00am – 2:00pm | Penarth Town Centre |
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| Dydd Sadwrn 12 Mai | 9:00am – 12:00pm | Maes Parcio Morrissons, y Barri |
| Dydd Mawrth 15 Mai | 4:30pm – 7:30pm | Ysgol Gynradd Saint-y-Brid |
| Dydd Mercher 16 Mai | 2:00pm – 4:00pm | Ham Lane East, Llanilltud Fawr |
| Dydd Iau 17 Mai | 5:00pm – 8:00pm | Canolfan Cymunedol Murch, Dinas Powys |
| Dydd Sadwrn 19 Mai | 9:00am – 12:00pm | Ystafell 1, Y Cymin, Penarth |
| Dydd Sul 20 Mai | 6:30am – 2:00pm | Sêl Cist Car, Sili |
| Dydd Iau 24 Mai | 10:00am – 2:00pm | Canol Tref Penarth |
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# Cowbridge Art Society

**ON Thursday, May 3, there will be a charcoal demonstration by Cheltenham artist Sheila Bryant one of the best demonstrators of this medium who has visited the society in recent years.**

On Thursday, May 10,the annual calendar completion takes place when pictures for inclusion in the 2019 CAS calendar will be selected.

The society welcomes artists of any level, and also non artists who would like to see demonstrations of various art techniques or attend illustrated lectures on art topics. The group meets on Thursday evenings at the Old Hall, Cowbridge (7pm-9pm) and occasional visitors and new members are most welcome.

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# Vale People First group raises funds in memory of former member

**DANIELLE BRIDGES and Kelly Anne Rideout from Vale People First Active Communities Real Lives Group recently presented a £100 cheque they raised to launch 'The Recliner Chairs Fund' in support of the Haematology and Chemotherapy Unit at Llandough Hospital.**

The fund was set up in memory of Jill Mallett, a much-loved member of Salem Baptist Church, Barry, who was a great supporter of the Vale People First Real Lives Group.

On Easter day, the Real Lives Group Choir sang during the morning service, and presented the funds raised to Salem Church treasurer, Gwyneth Cox.

# Samaritans welcomes plans to improve the mental health of young people

**A NEW report released by an Assembly committee on support for children and young people's mental health has been welcomed by Samaritans Cymru.**

The inquiry was launched by the Children, Young People and Education Committee.

Samaritans Cymru provided the committee with evidence during the inquiry, on their ongoing calls for compulsory emotional health lessons in schools and the wider benefits of improving resilience in young people.

Within their evidence, Samaritans also highlighted that young people are a high-risk group for mental illness and suicide, and in Wales, there has been a significant rise in factors such as self harm and admissions to A&E which can contribute to suicidal ideas or intent in adolescents.

Samaritans have developed a free teaching resource called DEAL (Developing Emotional Awareness and Listening) which aims to help develop resilience in young people.

In 2016/17, Samaritans in Wales worked with five pilot schools in Cardiff to implement the resource into their curriculum for one academic year.

Following the DEAL pilot, in which Cardiff schools delivered Samaritans lesson plans for one academic year, teacher Laura-Cerys Williams, of Fitzalan High School, said: "Pupils enjoyed the sessions due to their interactivity and staff found the sessions very easy to deliver.

"Following the pilot, the students have a better awareness of mental health. We are planning on continuing to use some of the resources in our year 7, 8 and 9 lessons."

Among the recommendations of the report, the Committee recommended that Welsh Government undertake a review of the various emotional and mental health programmes in schools, in order to put forward a national approach for schools to adopt.

While undertaking this review, the committee has recommended that Welsh Government work with Samaritans to develop its DEAL programme for wider use in schools in Wales.

Sarah Stone, executive director for Samaritans in Wales said: "We are pleased to welcome the recommendations of this report and are encouraged to see the call for a review of current emotional health provision to recommend a national approach for all schools.

"Emotional health programmes in schools should be viewed as a form of prevention and early intervention which could reduce pressure on CAMHS and reduce specific mental health problems."

Significantly, the committee has also recommended that Welsh Government issue guidance to schools on talking about suicide and self-harm, to dispel the myth that talking about it may increase the risk.

They've also called on Welsh Government to ensure that basic mental health training, including how to talk about suicide, becomes part of initial teacher training and continuous professional development, so that all teachers are more confident to talk about it.

Sarah Stone said: "The call for basic mental health training in Initial Teaching Training is of crucial importance; we must continue to highlight that talking about self harm and suicide does not increase the risk – it reduces it.

"Talking about mental health and reducing stigma is one of the most significant barriers we must overcome in order to improve emotional health in young people."

# Boötes is one for the skywatchers

**URSA Major is still overhead. If we look at the end star in its 'handle' and draw an imaginary curved line in the direction of the south eastern horizon, we will locate the constellation of Boötes.**

Its brightest star is called Arcturus, which is one of the brightest stars in the sky. It will look orange in colour and binoculars will enhance the hue. It lies about 40 light years away and is over 100 times as luminous as our Sun.

To the left of Boötes is the small constellation of *Corona Borealis*, the Northern Crown. It is fair to say most of the constellations look nothing like their names, but Corona really does look like a crown, with the six brightest stars arranged in a semi-circle. Under dark skies it is worth counting with the naked eye how many stars can be seen within the bowl shape.

Now use a pair of binoculars and count again. It contains two very interesting stars, one within the semi-circle is called *R Corona Borealis*.

A very old carbon star, it is sometimes visible with the naked eye or binoculars, but other times it requires a telescope to see. The reason for the changes is due to at irregular intervals, it blows off its surface a dense shell of carbon particles and this tends to dim the starlight. After a period of several weeks, or sometimes years, the cloud of material thins out and we see the star once more.

Another strange star lies to one side of the crown and requires a large telescope to see. Known as *T Corona Borealis*, it remains vary faint. However, on two occasions in 1866 and again in 1946, it became visible to the naked eye, hence, its nickname, the 'Blaze Star'. It is always worth keeping an eye on this one, because we don't know when, or if, it will repeat the outburst.

Carry on the imaginary curved line from the end star in the handle of Ursa Major, through Arcturus, towards the southern horizon, this will bring you to the constellation of Virgo, marked by the star Spica. If you thought Arcturus was powerful, just remember Spica is about 2,000 times as luminous as our Sun and lies around 200 light years from us.

Its colour is also much different to Arcturus, Spica and looks blue-white. Virgo is famous because it has many faint galaxies in this area of sky, but a large telescope is required to see them.

Watch out for mighty Jupiter. It lies towards the southern horizon below and to the left of Spica. Wait until around midnight for the best views. The Moon lies close to it on May 27. Even in binoculars, Jupiter will show itself as non-stellar and also reveal the four bright moons, Callisto, Ganymede, Io, and Europa. The Moon acts as a guide to Spica, because it lies above it on 25th.

Do keep an eye on the Barry Astronomical Society website www.barryastronomical.wordpress.com for dates when the group will meet at Porthkerry Park (weather permitting) to observe the night sky.

**DAVE POWELL**

# Prince's Countryside Fund grants available

**THE Prince's Countryside Fund grants are now available to support community led groups and projects in rural areas around the UK.**

Applications opened on April 30 for community groups and charities to apply for grant funding of up to £50,000 from The Prince's Countryside Fund.

The closing date for applications is June 14.

Claire Saunders, Director of the Fund said: "This is a critical time for people and businesses in our rural areas, and we are seeking applicants for our grant programme who can help to ensure that their rural communities can thrive now and in the future.

"We want to hear from innovative and creative community led projects that are responding to local needs and would urge people to consider applying. Whether this is bringing new life to your village shop and pub, increasing access to rural employment and training, or bringing together farming communities, we would love to hear from you."

Funding is also available for projects that will improve the prospects of viability for family farm businesses, for example by providing training or education schemes.

The Fund's grant giving helps to support a diverse range of projects, often delivered locally by grassroots organisations and community groups, and since the Fund was set up by HRH The Prince of Wales in 2010 it has distributed more than £9 million to communities across the UK.

Find out more and read the full eligibility and guidance document at www.princescountrysidefund.org.uk/grants, or contact Helen Aldis on 0207 5666659, or Helen.Aldis@bitc.org.uk.

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### Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act, 1990
### Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012

**Development that may affect a Conservation Area/ Datblygu a allai effeithio ar Ardal Gadwraeth**

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| Application No:/ Rhif y cais: | 2018/00402/FUL |
| Proposal:/Cynnig: | Proposed conversion and loft conversion to existing property to form 2 self contained dwellings |
| Location:/Lleoliad: | 33, Station Road, Penarth |
| Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth | Affecting the Penarth Conservation Area |

**Listed Building Consent/ Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig**

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| Application No:/ Rhif y cais: | 2018/00463/LBC |
| Proposal:/Cynnig: | Re-thatch main roof which has reached its end of life |
| Location:/Lleoliad: | Three Tuns, Cowbridge Road, St. Nicholas |
| Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig | Grade II |

**Affecting setting of a Listed Building/ Cais (au) sy'n effeithio ar leoliad Adeilad Rhestredig**

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| Application No:/ Rhif y cais: | 2018/00244/FUL |
| Proposal:/Cynnig: | Double storey and single storey extension |
| Location:/Lleoliad: | Mill Cottage, Church Farm, Clemenstone |
| Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig | Affecting the Mill, Threshing Barn, Cart Shed and 4 no. outbuildings at Church Farm, Picket, all Grade II Listed Buildings |

**Application(s) of General Interest/ Ceisiadau o Ddiddordeb Cyffredinol**

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| Application No:/ Rhif y cais: | 2018/00398/RG3 |
| Proposal:/Cynnig: | Proposed residential development comprising 28 dwellings along with associated parking, highway and ancillary works |
| Location:/Lleoliad: | Brecon Court, Barry |
| Application No:/ Rhif y cais: | 2018/00458/FUL |
| Proposal:/Cynnig: | Full planning application for the erection of 24 no. homes with associated access, landscaping and engineering works |
| Location:/Lleoliad: | Land north of B4265 (Phase II), Boverton, Llantwit Major |

**May affect a Public Right of Way/ Gall effeithio ar Hawl Tramwy Cyhoeddus**

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| Application No:/ Rhif y cais: | 2018/00273/FUL |
| Proposal:/Cynnig: | Installation of electric barrier approx. 1.2 metres high and 4 metres wide, approx. 40 metres from the farm entrance |
| Location:/Lleoliad: | Amelia Trust Farm, Five Mile Lane, Walterston, Barry |

Details may be inspected for 21 days at the address given below, or via **http://vogonline.planning-register.co.uk/**

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**Dated / Dyddiedig: 3 May, 2018**

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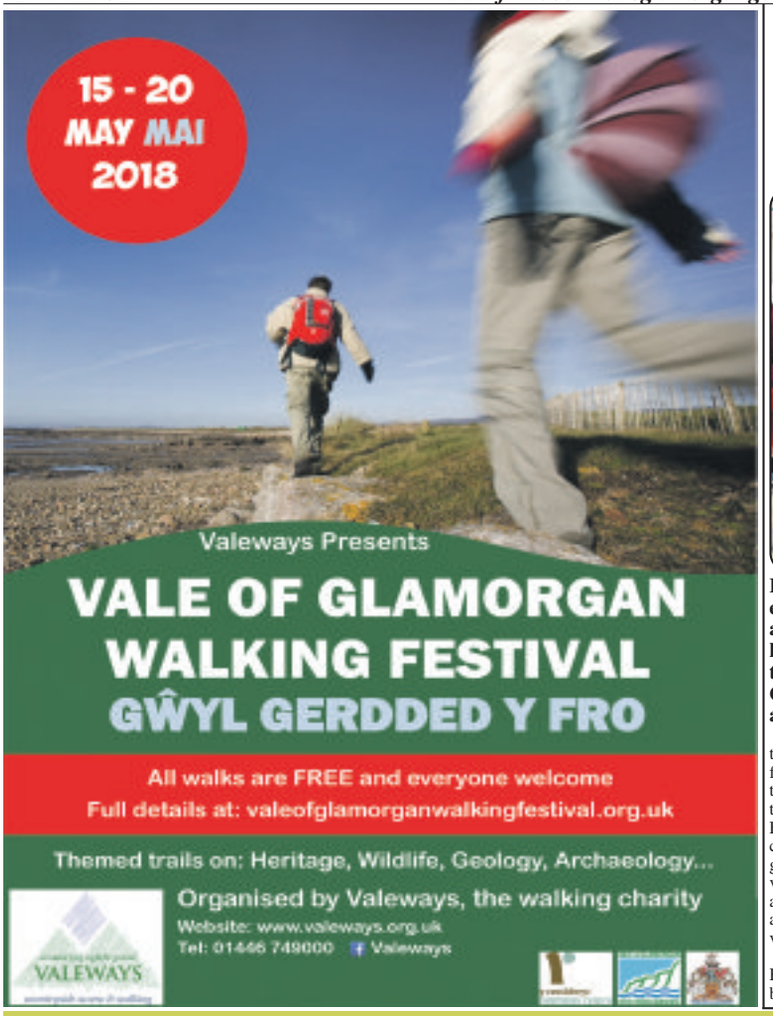


# Aircraft engineers of the future take flight on Aero Challenge

*The team from Bryn Hafren with their winners' certificates.*

**BUDDING aircraft engineers from schools across Cardiff and the Vale have been put through their paces at a special Aero Challenge held by Cardiff and Vale College.**

The year-10 pupils travelled to the college's International Centre for Aerospace Training (ICAT) for the annual Aero Challenge. Held to mark National Science and Engineering Week, the competition has been designed to give school pupils a taste of the various tasks involved in the aerospace engineering industry and to show the value of vocational education.

An all-girl team from Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School beat competition from 10 other schools to win the challenge. The competition involved tests of hand and eye skills and project management. The pupils also tested their skills at the college's flight simulator.

Bryn Hafren pupil Bethan Klee said: "I really enjoyed the day as the challenges we completed were fun and the skills we used were useful for any job. The tasks were aimed at a variety of skills and all encouraged teamwork and communicaton."

Her team mate, Katie Pascoe, added: "In my opinion, the Aero Challenge was a great experience and something I will never forget. I was able to show individual and team skills – ones which contributed to us winning!

"I took many new skills and a lot of information away from the day. It is definitely something I would want to do again!"

Bryn Hafren teacher Miss Bryant said: "I would like to say 'thank you' to Cardiff and Vale College for such an interesting and inspirational day for the girls. The facilities were excellent – the hangar with the planes and equipment definitely has the wow factor as you walk in!

"Feedback from the pupils has been 100 per cent positive, which was echoed at a parents' evening a few days later.

"Most of all, the day has boosted the confidence of the girls greatly, not only with problem solving skills but with their team work and communication. It is a day that I would fully recommend to all schools – we are looking forward to coming back again next year to defend our title and beat our score!"

# Charity says cancer patients are missing out on financial support

**MACMILLAN WALES says it has secured £14.3 million in welfare benefits payments to help thousands of people cope with the huge financial pressures caused by cancer.**

During 2017, the charity's nationwide network of welfare benefits advisers worked with over 5,600 people affected by cancer to help them access welfare benefits they are entitled to

Securing an average of £4,600 for every person referred into the service last year, the charity has now helped people affected by cancer to access over £89.3 million since 2010.

As most people diagnosed with cancer face an average of £570 a month in lost income or increased expenditure, money worries can quickly become a source of anxiety and concern for anyone who receives a cancer diagnosis.

The charity warns that not enough people with cancer are being offered financial help – with only 48 per cent of people who responded to a recent Wales Cancer Patient Experience Survey saying they had been given enough information about financial help and benefits.

Paul Davies, who was diagnosed with stomach cancer in 2013, said: "You really can't plan or save for cancer. Believe me, a little bit of financial help goes a long way when you are desperately ill but still having to worry about the bills.

"I'd worked nearly all my life in the UK, but had planned to enjoy some of my retirement in Cyprus. Then I was diagnosed with cancer. Weighing in at less than six stone and with a five per cent chance of survival, I came back to Wales expecting to die.

"We had to rush back with nothing, and we were really struggling. Then we met Macmillan. They not only helped plan my medical care, they also realised that there were other huge pressures and stresses as well.

"They talked through our options and what we might qualify for, and one day a cheque for £500 came through the door.

"It really helped set me up at the time when I needed it the most. That is why I now fundraise for Macmillan as well – we've paid that £500 back and then some, to try and make sure there is support available for the next person who needs it."

Richard Pugh, head of services for Macmillan Cancer Support in Wales, said: "No-one should underestimate just how big the financial impact of cancer can be.

"We know that money is the next biggest worry for anyone affected by cancer after they have got over the shock of their initial diagnosis.

"That is why we have put a nationwide network of welfare benefits advisers in place to try and alleviate some of the pressure for anyone affected by cancer in Wales.

"If you have cancer, please seek financial advice as early as you can. If you are a professional involved in cancer care, let people know about our services and the support that is available. We really can help to take some of the pressure off."

*If you have been affected by cancer, or would like to find out what financial support is available, call Macmillan's free helpline on 0808 808 00 00 or visit macmillan.org.uk/money worries.*

*Social housing is planned for Provincial House in Barry.*

# Social housing plan at Barry office block

**A PLANNING application has been submitted to convert an office building in central Barry into social housing accommodation.**

The three-storey 17,297 sq ft Provincial House office block in Kendrick Road has been purchased by SGR Real Estate.

If its planning application is approved, with a decision expected imminently, Kestrel Construction will convert the building into 32 apartments on behalf of social housing provider Hafod.

Hafod is a group of not-for-profit companies that work together to provide housing, care and support services across south Wales.

Commercial property consultant Knight Frank handled the sale on behalf of the owners and Grace Shackell from Knight Frank's Cardiff office said: "The Vale is lacking in development opportunities and when we invited best bids from the market, there was a lot of interest.

"The property was not on the market for long and SGR succeeded with their unconditional offer."

Kes Smith of Kestrel Construction said: "The town centre location is ideal for social housing use. We are confident we will be able to gain the necessary consents. The conversion programme is likely to take up to 18 months."

**LDR**

# Prolific 'car-wash burglar' fails to make clean getaway

**A SERIAL burglar who targeted nine car wash businesses across south Wales and the south-west of England in just seven days is behind bars.**

Mark Farrington was caught alongside accomplice Anton Sidoryk as they fled the final burglary in Weston-super-Mare and made their way back to Wales on February 21 this year.

The two were travelling in a Mercedes Vito van bearing false number plates, which had been linked to a string of other burglaries carried out in south Wales and Gwent in the days before. They were pulled over by a roads policing officer from Avon and Somerset Police, and arrested for driving and theft offences.

Officers from Barry's Priority Policing Team – who led the investigation and had highlighted the vehicle as suspicious – were able to link Farrington to all nine incidents, during which four vehicles were stolen along with quantities of cash, mobile phones and computer equipment.

The van in which they were caught was owned by Farrington and had previously been reported as stolen by him. CCTV footage from one of the burglaries at the IMO Car Wash in Barry, clearly identified him as one of the burglars.

At Cardiff Crown Court earlier this month, Farrington, of Whitchurch, Cardiff, pleaded guilty to nine counts of burglary, taking a vehicle without consent, and driving without insurance.

*Mark Farrington burgled the IMO Car Wash in Barry.*

He was sentenced to three years' imprisonment and handed a 30-month driving ban.

Anton Sidoryk, from Tremorfa, Cardiff, pleaded guilty to the Weston-super-Mare burglary, and was sentenced to 16 months, suspended for two years. He must also carry out 180 hours of unpaid work.

Detective Sergeant Julian Kerslake said: "Mark Farrington is a prolific offender and I've no doubt he would have targeted more businesses had he not been caught alongside Anton Sidoryk as they made their way back to Wales with the latest haul of stolen goods.

"The conviction is the result of some determined efforts by my team to identify those responsible for the string of audacious burglaries and bring them to justice as quickly as possible. I'd also like to thank our colleagues in Avon and Somerset Police Force for their assistance with this enquiry."

**PC**

# Benefits advice is on offer

**ARE you living in Vale and need some advice or help on benefits such as pension credit, attendance allowance, housing benefit, disability living allowance, or PIP?**

Age Connects Cardiff and Vale run a free Welfare Rights Service which can help you with any of these issues and help with form filling.

A session will be held on Tuesday, May 1 at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry.

No appointment is needed, just come along from 9.30am-12noon.

Contact 01446 732385 for further information and if you need a home visit.

## Ship-shape and Bristol fashion?

# Families wanted as BBC casts net for 'creel life' TV series

**IN *The Hunt for Red October*, the line "And the sea will grant each man new hope, as sleep brings dreams of home" is attributed to Christopher Columbus, and it strikes a chord with many*.**

Similarly, whether a night owl or an early bird, Radio 4's *Shipping Forecast* connects many a landlubber with this nation's seafaring heritage.

So perhaps it is no great surprise that a new immersive living history series – being produced by Wildflame Productions for BBC Wales – focuses on our connection with the coast.

The series will take families back to 1906 to form a traditional fishing community on the rugged Welsh coastline.

For a month, those selected will live and work as our forebears did. Clothes, employment, food, entertainment, socialising... Everything.

Home will be a fisherman's cottage with no mod cons, and all the money to live on will be earned from the coast.

A spokesperson said: "Families taking part will endure the best and the worst of what the wild Sea can throw at them, and while life will be tough, it is sure to be a unique and exhilarating experience. We are looking for four diverse families to take part; families that reflect Wales today, but who would like to experience the Wales of yesterday.

"Knowledge of fishing or sailing is not necessary, but Wildflame is keen to talk to people with ancestral links to the sea.

"Perhaps their great-grandfather was a lighthouse keeper or fisherman, or had a grandmother was a cockle woman. "Maybe their parents or grandparents came to Wales as sailors or may have worked as shipbuilders or in the docks.

"The options are varied and potentially endless but the most important thing of all is that the people who apply are excited and keen for the challenge."

Interested? Well, before your grab your sou'wester and don your seaboots, visit www.wildflameproductions.co/casting to apply online.

For more information, email casting@wildflameproductions.co.uk, or call 07599 812383.

The closing date for applications is May 27.

**AJ**

**Columbus did not say it; it was written for the film by screenwriter Larry Ferguson.*

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# 'Park activities could boost income'

**A VALE Council report has proposed that areas of open space land such as Porthkerry Park, Cosmeston Park and Leckwith woods should be leased to organisations who want to develop activities and facilities there.**

Bob Guy, the council operational manager for regeneration, said the idea was to boost tourism, the local economy and boost council coffers.

"We believe these proposals represent exciting opportunities that will add to the appeal of the locations in question, enhancing the visitor experience by offering fresh ways in which they can be enjoyed.

"They will also boost tourism, which will have positive consequences for the local economy as tourism generates income and local jobs.

"In a climate of increased financial pressures on the council, it is vital new and innovative ways to generate income are explored to sustain important services and protect our special places.

"These important sites cost a lot to maintain to the exceptional standards rightly expected by the public.

"Sustainability will be key, with any successful proposals subject to all appropriate processes. That includes planning consent, which, among other factors, evaluates environmental impact and any recommendations or requirements made by Natural Resources Wales and other statutory bodies.

"The planning process also involves an opportunity for public consultation."

One GEM reader contacted the paper to say she had her concerns about camping and high rope activities going ahead at Porthkerry Park.

"I personally think this will ruin the space and threaten the wildlife in the park, with both buzzards and sparrowhawks roosting in the trees.

"Facilities would also have to be built to accommodate the campers such as toilets and showers which would also impact the area, which is small.

"I do not have local knowledge of the other sites they want to lease but think that they would not benefit from being over-developed either."

# Tennis season now under way for local club

*The under-8 team: Lily Niblett-Morris (8), Julia Papierowska (8), Kirsten Jones (8) and Ethan Ashburner (6)*

**THE summer tennis season has started well for Barry Community Tennis Club.**

After starting 2018 by winning the accolade of Tennis Wales Community Venue of the Year 2017, the club has already seen victories in the south Wales leagues for both the women's doubles teams and the under-8 teams.

The women hosted Canton Tennis Club at the weekend and won overall by securing more sets than their opponents, while the under-8 team have already played Llantrisant, winning 14-2, and have also beaten Llantwit Major Tennis Club with a 16-0 victory.

The club also field a men's team, who were unsuccessful in their first round of matches against Haverfordwest.

If you would be interested in becoming part of this thriving club, sessions run for all ages and abilities, and you can find their timetable in the noticeboard adjacent to the courts at Romilly Park and on their Facebook page.

*For more information, emailinfo@barryctc.co.uk or call 07816 311263.*

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# The Barry and District League tables and results

**CRIB DIVISION 1:**

Cadoxton Cons 7, Rhoose Social 8; Wyndham Cons 8, West End 7; Liberals 8, Moors Boys 7.

League table: Liberals 187, Wyndham Cons 183, Rhoose Social 177, Cadoxton Cons 170, West End Runaways 169, West End 167, Moors Boys 162.

**SKITTLES DIVISION 1:**

King William XII 6, Liberals C 1; Rugby Club 6, Rhoose Social C 1; Rhoose Social A 2, Sea View B 5; Cambrian Flyers 1, West End C 6; Rhoose Social B 5, Slammers 2; Rhoosters 6, Allsorts 1; Liberals A 1, Barry Town FC 6; Barries Boys 0, West End D 7.

League table: Sea View B 128.5, West End D 124.5, Rugby Club 111.0, West End C 103.5, Rhoose Social C 100.5, King William XII 99.0, Rhoose Social B 95.5, Rhoose Social A 88.5, Rhoosters 88.5, Barry Town FC 84.5, Allsorts 80.5, Slammers 80.0, Liberals A 63.5, Liberals C 63.5, Cambrian Flyers 53.5, *Barries Boys 49.0.

**SNOOKER DIVISION 1:**

Services Social B 3, Rhoose Social B 2; Savoy B 2, Penarth Cons A 3; Cadoxton Cons B 3, Liberators 2; Harbour B 4, Savoy A 1; Cadoxton Cons Z 3, Wyndham Cons A 2.

League table: Harbour B 113, Savoy A 95, Wyndham Cons A 74, Cadoxton Cons Z 70, Cadoxton Cons B 68, West End C 65, Liberators 54, Penarth Cons A 49, *Savoy B 41, Rhoose Social B 38, *Services Social B 36.

**SNOOKER DIVISION 2:**

Cadoxton Misfits 3, West End B 2; Harbour A 2, Wyndham Cons D 3; Market Street C 4, Sully Sports A 1; West End A 2, Rhoose Social C 3; Penarth Cons B 2, Market Street B 3.

League table: Cadoxton Misfits 82, Market Street B 75, Rhoose Social C 73, Penarth Cons B 67, Cadoxton Cons A 66, Harbour A 64, Market Street C 64, Wyndham Cons D 63, West End A 56, Sully Sports A 54, West End B 51 (* = points deducted).

*All league and cup fixtures and results at www.barryleagues.co.uk and on Facebook - search for 'barry leagues'.*

**JW**

# Ysgol Bro are the top dogs in schools rugby tournament

*Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwgn rugby team.*

**A PRIMARY schools' rugby tournament – open to all schools in the Vale – was held on April 20, at Maslin Park on Barry Island .**

Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg Junior School entered a team of 10 boys from years 5 and 6 and were delighted to win all their matches.

Mr Tomi Turner commented: "We are really pleased with the result. It's another achievement for our growing school. The boys played extremely well to win the matches, some were very close games as all teams played to a high standard. Da iawn chi."

# Chess teams in good form

**BARRY Chess Club are almost at the last week of the league season.**

We played two league matches and there was also the fourth round of the Welsh Chess Premier League to consider.

The Vale team in the Premier League entered the penultimate round with a 100 per cent record. We were away to the White Knights who had two wins from their three matches so far.

Four of the six players in each team were fairly evenly-matched in rating terms although we held the upper hand in the other two.

Tim Kett, Pete Heaven, Nigel Ralphs, Lee Davis and Robert Taylor all won their games. On bottom board Sam Jukes took a draw to give us a victory by the excellent margin of 5.5-0.5.

This maintains our position at the top of the table and increases our tie break advantage with only one round to go, so we are guaranteed a top two finish.

Our final game is against third-placed Cardigan. I believe our tie break position is so strong that even if we were to lose this last match we only need to pick up 1.5 points from the six on offer to be crowned as champions.

Wouldn't it be great to finish unbeaten with a victory in the final round as well?

There was a vital game in Division 2 where the Camelots faced the Cardiff AJ's.

We still needed 1.5 points to avoid a possible relegation and they needed 1.5 points to be promoted.

The game ended in a 2.5-2.5 draw so both teams more than earned enough to complete their objectives.

Sam Jukes and Tom Cooke both earned victories for the Camelots against higher-rated opponents. John Ryles completed our points with a draw.

This means that next season our four existing teams will be playing in four different divisions.

In Division 4 the Gambits travelled to North Cardiff to play the Zebras.

These were the bottom two teams in the division with the Zebras five points above the Gambits and five points below the Rhondda B team.

The Zebras had a young team, indeed the combined age of their players was less than my age!

The tables were set up so large that I thought the Zebras players might be unable to reach their pieces if they strayed over the halfway mark.

We have already played the Zebras twice this season earning a draw in our first encounter and losing 4-1 in the reverse fixture.

Surely it was our turn to win? Well, win we duly did with Sam White, Ken Curry, Dave Mahoney and Erion Pici all earning wins.

Unfortunately I could not complete the set as I ended the match with a draw where my opponent could only play perpetual check to prevent my victory.

We remain bottom with only one match to play. We are within touching distance of the Zebras and need a draw to reach 30 points for the season, a figure that until recently seemed way out of our grasp.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St. Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY.

The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

*For more details visit our website at http://barrychessclub.yolasite.com.*

**PHIL JONES**

# League opener ends in defeat for Penarth Windsor

**AFTER a couple of friendlies, last Saturday saw the first league fixture for Penarth Windsor Bowls Club with the PG2 team travelling to Pontyclun.**

It was always going to be a struggle against a particularly strong Pontyclun outfit but the team acquitted itself well by winning on two of the four rinks. Sadly the losing rinks went down heavily, resulting in a 90-62 defeat.

The winning rinks were: White, Fullbrook, Morrish and Howells 20-15, together with Woodcock, Williams, Cucciniello and Hales 23-15.

In the latter match, the team scored seven shots on one end, one short of the magical full house.

Cucciniello was distraught at being the player whose one wood was off target but when the news was received at the clubhouse, he received only ridicule rather than the sympathy he expected.

At home, there was a friendly against Llantrisant. Unfortunately, the visitors turned up two short so the match went ahead with two fours and two triples.

The scores were: captain Thorne, Rees and Hope 21-14, Flitney, Ellard, Hudson and McLeod 22-23, Gooding, Paterson and Woodcock 20-19, Matthews, Lloyd-Jones Carlisle and Holmes 27-7; overall score 90-63 to Windsor.

The two new recruits - Carlisle and the returning Paterson - were on top form on their debuts.

The club open day took place on Sunday, April 22 and both greens were full with new bowlers trying out the sport for the first time.

To date nearly 30 new members of all ages have applied to join, but of course, there is always room for more.

If you are interested, call John on 029 20308161 or Pete on 07816 910113.

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# Cowbridge Tennis Club news round-up

**THE first round of matches for all the Cowbridge senior and junior teams were played mostly over this weekend.**

*Daisy Buick and Millie Davis.*

The juniors continued to show the investment by the coaches has paid off with Chris Lewis and Gruff John, in their first ever tennis match, winning 2-1 against Aberystwyth in a closely -ought under-16 boys match.

Daisy Buick and Millie Davis (pictured) debuted together playing two away matches, firstly losing in a close match to Stow Park (Newport).

Daisy didn't even have time to change out of her Cowbridge hockey gear having hot-footed it from Swansea where she had played an under-12 hockey tournament that morning!

The girls put the experience of their first match to good use, coming from behind in each of their matches to record an away win at Rhibwina.

The senior teams had varying fortunes and like last season, the ladies are setting the early pace. Encouragingly, four of our under-14/under-13 girls - Lily Buick, Ella Davies, Libby Roberts, Beth Heald - played for our ladies thirds team in our debut in the two-pair senior league.

Again, to their and our coaches credit, they won against Newport who were fielding a full strength adult team.

The ladies first team, having been promoted to Division 2 this year, started with an excellent good 5-1 win over Penarth Windsor, all the more creditable as all were new pairings compared to last year.

Similarly, the promoted ladies second team kicked off with a 4-2 win over Penarth Windsor.

In what might be described as a Penarth Windsor weekend, our mens first team in Premier 3 had a tough outing away to Windsor's firsts but there was no shame in losing 6-0 against a team with three professional coaches and Welsh internationals!

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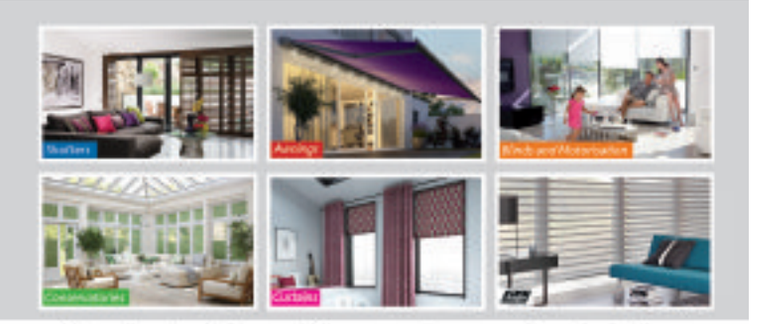

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Flowers may be sent to the funeral home.

## DUNKERTON
### Bertram Stanley 'Stan'

**Peacefully at Llandough Hospital on 21st April 2018, Stan, aged 95 years. Beloved husband of Nita and formerly of the late Jeanne. Much loved dad of John, Andrew, Susan and David and a loved grandad and great grandad.**

***Stan will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.***

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service at Barry Cemetery Chapel on Tuesday, 15th May at 1.30pm, followed by interment in the cemetery. Family flowers only, donations in lieu, if so desired, for Cancer Research c/o the funeral director.

## WILLIAMS
### Edna 'Doreen'

**Suddenly on Tuesday, 17th April, Doreen sadly passed away at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend. Wife of the late Howell, beloved mother, nan and great grandmother.**

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### Elizabeth Ann 'Liz'

**Peacefully on 23rd April at Marie Curie Hospice Penarth with her family surrounding her, Liz, aged 60 years. Beloved partner of Julian, much loved sister of Jeff, Martin, Gordon and Raydene. Loved aunt to her nieces and nephew.**

***Liz will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.***

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***Grace will be dearly missed by all her family and many friends.***

Resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until her service at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry on Tuesday, 8th May at 11am.

Family floral tributes only. Donations, if desired, may be made at the service to support the Stroke Unit at Llandough Hospital in memory of Grace.

Further enquiries contact Lyndsay Ellis on telephone 01446 407962.

## BENNETT
### Jane (*Grimble*)

**Loving wife to the late Howard, mother, grandmother and great grandmother, sadly passed away on 18th April 2018 at Llandough Hospital.**

***Jane will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.***

Resting at Robert D. Johnson Funeral Directors, 29 Holton Road, Barry. Funeral service to take place at Cardiff and Glamorgan crematorium, Port Road, Barry on Wednesday, 9th May at 2pm. Donations in lieu of flowers will be greatly received by Jane's family for Kidney Research; these can be given to the funeral director or at the Seaview Labour Club, Dock View Road, Barry after the service.

## BATE
### Howard

**Suddenly but peacefully at the University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff on 23rd April 2018, Howard, aged 77 years, formerly of Rhoose and Barry. Dearly loved brother of Jocelyn and the late Graham and Adrian. Much loved uncle to all his nieces and nephews.**

***Howard will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.***

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service on Monday, 14th May at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium at 2pm.

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## CADOGAN
### Russell

**Russell Cadogan, aged 94, of Heol Tysant, Litchard (previously of Pencoed and Coity) passed away peacefully in the early hours of Thursday, 26 April 2018, following a short period of hospitalisation, at Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend.**

Devoted husband of Brenda, much loved father of Martin, Wendy and the late Robert, father-in-law to Anne and Teresa. Grandfather to John, Christopher, Phillip, Andrew, Rhian, Sian and Carys and great grandfather to Emily, Hallie, Ella and Shaye. Public service at Coychurch Crematorium on Thursday, 10 May 2018 at 11am.

Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to the Wales Air Ambulance or British Heart Foundation c/o Mel & Ron Watkins Funeral Services, 2 Hilda House, The Square, Pencoed, Bridgend, CF35 5NP. (Tel: 01656 860545)

## Family Notices

### WEEKES
### Branwen Mair

**Peacefully at home on 25th April, Branwen passed away, aged 96 years.**

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### PENNELL
### Roger

*03.08.1936 - 27.04.2018*

**Without any fuss, Roger died on Friday, 27th April at Princess of Wales Hospital. Beloved husband to Margaret, adored father to Andrea, Kate and Liz, proud grandpa to Thomas, Hywel, Annabel and Florence.**

Funeral to take place at Coychurch Crematorium, 9.30am on Thursday, 10th May. Family flowers only.

### HUGGETT
### Maureen Patricia (Mo)

**Peacefully on 27th April at Springbank Nursing Home - Maureen, beloved Wife of the late Trevor. A loving Partner to Bob and much loved Mum of Gwen, Debbie, Derek and their families. A dear Sister to Margaret.**

***Mo will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.***

Resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until a celebration of her life at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Monday, 14th May at 12 noon. Family flowers only, donations, if desired, may be made at the service to support Barry RNLI in memory of Mo.

Further enquiries contact Lyndsay Ellis, telephone 01446 407962.

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### TUCK
### Graham

**William Graham Tuck is at rest and in peace.**

The family of Graham would like to thank everyone who came to pay their respects to such a wonderful man. Thanks also extends to Lyndsay Ellis and his team at Vale Funeral Services for the care and kindness provided as well as Lorraine Barrett for her lovely, beautiful words. A thank you also to Tynewydd Inn staff for their service during the wake.

### PARTRIDGE
### Olive Valerie

**The family of the late Olive Valerie of Tordoff Way, Barry wish to thank Reverend C. Seaton for officiating at the funeral service.**

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# Banners that break the law attract fines

**LOCAL organisations have been warned that the Vale Council is cracking down on banners on highways.**

The council told The GEM that its main consideration was 'safety' and that organisations needed to realise that they had seek permission before putting a banner in a location.

Plaid Cymru's Dinas Powys councillors say the council should get in touch with voluntary groups to clarify what steps they can take if they want to publicise an event, rather than organisations approaching the council.

Councillors say they are concerned about banners relating to village shows, Christmas concerts, charitable fund raisers and sports events.

Cllr Chris Franks said that he was 'shocked' to learn that sports bodies and other community groups had received fines of £75.

He said: "This was a bill for simply placing temporary banners at locations such as the railings at Parc Bryn y Don, Dinas Powys.

"Respectable, hard-working volunteers were being threatened that unless they paid up almost immediately the bill could run to thousands.

"It is difficult to understand the mentality of the council. On one hand they say they want to support the community then they threaten clubs with court action."

Plaid said that following representations made by them the Vale had cancelled some fines.

Cllr Franks added: "This is welcomed. We call for the Vale to fully consider its policies and come up with acceptable arrangements. We know that the safety of people is the priority. However, this blanket ban will hit voluntary organisations.

"It is using a sledge hammer to crack a nut. There must be a solution where community events can be advertised without compromising safety."

Miles Punter, Vale Council director of environment and housing services, emphasised that placing banners on the highway without proper permission is an offence.

"The placing of banners on the highway without the authority of the council is an offence. The primary concern is highway safety, as banners can obscure driver visibility, particularly when they are attached to pedestrian barriers.

"In the past we have charged offenders the cost of removing and storing banners for their return.

"However, we have recently started to issue fixed penalty notices for this offence as their removal is taking up valuable resources that could be better spent on services."

Mr Punter added: "Placing banners on the highway without authority is an offence regardless of their purpose so the council is unable to differentiate between those that are put up for charitable or voluntary purposes and those using the space for commercial gain." **TC**

# Council makes plans to supply 'free' sanitary products in schools

**SANITARY products could soon be handed out to all schoolgirls in the Vale.**

Products such as tampons and towels could soon be provided free at the point of use at schools across the Vale after councillors gave their backing to a scheme tackling 'period poverty' in the area.

A working group will decide how to implement the plans after the council's Learning and Culture Scrutiny Committee unanimously voted in favour of the idea on Monday (April 23).

A £1 million fund from Welsh Government has been launched to tackle soc-called period poverty and councils including Rhondda Cynon Taf and Merthyr are already developing similar schemes.

The committee heard some girls are missing school due to embarrassment regarding their periods, and some mothers are going without sanitary products so they can buy them for their daughters instead.

Cllr Jayne Norman, who called the debate, told the committee that free sanitary products should be "an automatic right to all."

She said: "Menstruation affects every woman. We have no choice in the matter. And period poverty does exist – even in the 'affluent' Vale.

"To many, this topic is never discussed due to cultural or religious reasons.

"To many young women and girls, admitting that they are even having their period is embarrassing enough, without having to confess that their family cannot afford to buy them the sanitary protection they need.

"Many secondary schools already have some facilities in place to help alleviate this problem, but this is money spent out of their already very tight budgets.

"Junior schools, on the other hand, have to rely heavily on the generosity of staff members, or even in some cases, parents of some of the children.

"The facilities available to the pupils for the discreet disposal of any sanitary products is virtually non-existent."

The Vale Council found seven of its eight comprehensive schools provide the sanitary products free of charge, while one school charges 20p for each use.

A total of 12 of the 16 Vale primary schools which responded to the council offer the products free of charge, while at other schools either parents or teachers provide them.

The committee was first asked to debate the issue in November last year.

Cllr Margaret Wilkinson told the meeting: "I'm disappointed this has taken a long time to come to this committee.

"This is a poverty issue. This is a hidden, quiet problem. Girls don't want to talk about it.

"If we're getting money from the Welsh Assembly that's good but we don't want to wait for it. We need this now."

The Vale Council will receive £31,500 from the Welsh Government this financial year for sanitary equipment to be installed in schools, and £8,666 to buy the sanitary products themselves.

A working group will now be set up to look at how the free sanitary products plan can be implemented. But it would need cabinet approval to purchase any products or equipment, the meeting was told.

Ceri Reeves, secretary of campaigning group Wings Cymru, told the meeting: "This is about girls not missing school for one week per month, girls not curtailing their activities for one week per month.

"We would like to help all people who have periods if they have issues but girls in schools seem like an easy one to tick."

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# *On and Off The Turf* with Brian Lee

**ELEVEN horses faced the starter for the Dunraven Bowl Novices' Hunters' Steeplechase at Chepstow last Friday evening and the horse which had travelled the longest distance to Wales' premier racecourse - 114 miles in fact - the well-backed favourite, *Tinkers Hill Tommy*, who had been runner-up to *Repeat Business* in last year's race, cruised home some 19 lengths ahead of *Kilcrea Bridge* ridden by Ogmore-by-Sea's Nick Williams.**

Welsh ladies' champion Jodie Hughes cut out the early running on *Essteepee* trained by Bridgend's Sherrie Lean.

However, Herefordshire-born Peter Bryan had *Tinkers Hill Tommy* in a handy position throughout and taking a clear lead two fences from home won so easily that he was able to ease his mount near the finish.

Sponsor David Brace OBE had two horses in the race - *Robin Des People*, ridden by Bradley Gibbs, and *Pink Eyed Pedro*, partnered by his 16-year-old grandson Connor Brace - and they finished third and fourth respectively with just a neck separating them.

*Tinkers Hill Tommy* is owned by west Wales' Dewi Lewis, one of the most unassuming gentlemen I have had the pleasure of meeting during more than half-a-century of reporting on the Welsh hunt racing scene.

*Tinkers Hill Tommy*, a seven-year-old bay gelding by *King's Theatre*, is trained by Dewi's daughter-in-law Bridget Lewis, who, like her husband Mark, was a succesful point-to-point rider. In fact, Mark was second in this race some years ago.

The three other finishers were *Essteepee* (5), *High Hatton* (6) and *Charlie Breekie* (7).

There was an exciting finish earlier in the evening when *Lord Bryan*, owned by Jayne Brace and her father Gwyn and trained by Haverfordwest's Peter Bowen, beat *Beallandendall,* trained by Chepstow's Debbie Faulkner, in the Dunraven Windows Handicap Steeplechase.

The latter appeared to have an eight lengths lead over the pacemaking *Lord Bryan* jumping the last.

However, somehow *Lord Bryan,* carrying a hefty 11st, 12lbs in heavy ground and partnered by Robert Dunne, got home by half-a-length from the bottom-weighted ten-year-old son of *Beneficial* who was ridden by Nick Scholfield.

The closing Braceys National Hunt Maiden Hurdle resulted in another win for Dunne, who won on Bridgend trainer John Flint's bay mare *Arian,* which scored by three-and-a-half lengths from the Peter Bowen-trained *Francky Du Berlais*.

**COWBRIDGE RIDER'S DOUBLE**

**Cowbridge's Byron Moorcroft, 30, landed a double at Sunday's Gelligaer Farmers Hunt Steeplechases at picturesque but very cold Rhydgwern, where the going was probably the best it has been in Wales this season.**

Byron took the opening Members & Farmers race on Kevin Salter's *Spencer Moon*, voted the best turned-out horse in the race, and the Young Horse Maiden on the same owner's *Mister Buddy*.

The former won by 15 lengths from *BallyCash* and the latter, which was heavily backed, won by four lengths from *PersistantPrincess*.

*Mister Buddy*, a five year old grey gelding, used to race over hurdles for Vale trainer Tim Vaughan, and Moorcroft said: "He's a very sketchy jumper and I was lucky to stay in the saddle."

Llancarfan's Isabel Williams won the Mixed Open on the 11-year-old *Hold Court* who, in an exciting finish beat the pacemaking *Tiger Rag* (Anna Lewis) by two lengths.

*Hold Court,* who was notching up his third win of the season, is owned and trained by Isabel's grandmother Mary Evans in Pembrokeshire.

Isabel said: "All the credit really has to go to my grandmother who has done all the work with him."

An eight times winner under Rules when trained by Isabel's father Evan, *Hold Court* will carry on until the end of the season as long as there is some give in the ground.

The Mickey Bowen-trained and hooded *Hospital*, ridden by his owner Elen Nicholas, came from last to first to pip *Carry On Nando* by a short head in the Confined race.

The delighted Elen, 21, from north Wales, works for Peter Bowen and she has no idea how her horse, a four time winner in Ireland, got its unusual name.

However, the fact that *Hospital* is by *King's Theatre* might give us a clue.

There was a close finish to the Restricted race in which Ogmore-by-Sea's Nick Williams, riding Tommy Faulkner's *Kensington Castle*, jumped the last alongside the favourite *Chasing Casey* and got up to win by a short head. The winner is apparently up for sale.

There was another tight finish in the Aged Maiden when Roger Weaver's 11-year-old mare *Karigale*, ridden by Rilly Goshen, was judged to have finished a neck in front of *Double Miss*.

Rilly, who has ridden 19 winners under Rules, was chalking-up her 130th winner between-the-flags.

*Karigale*, who had finished runner-up to *Classic Hit* in this race last year, and who had been pulled up in her previous two races was the oldest horse – or in this case mare – in the race.

# Barry and District Ladies Skittles League results

**WEEK commencing April 23:**

Division 1: Bakers Dozen 287 (S.Howe 30), Pila Pala 271 (M.Jones 29); Barry Stars 340 (D.James 34), Family & Friends 318 (S.Brown 34); Sea View Gals 302 (C.Gaffney 34), Allsorts 282 (H.James 29); Cadoxton Con Fillies 245 (T.Dyball 30), Space Finders 221 (E.Worthy 24);

Fallen Angels 232 (R.Phillips 27), Cigar Ladies 256 (A.McCarthy & L.Webb 25).

Division 2: Castle Bandits 250 (K.Lloyd 26), Roller Coasters 273 (B.Maffey 29); Witchil Widows 309 (L.Spyros 34), Clickies 296 (M.Thomas 37); Rhoose Starlights 259 (K.Bryan 26), Airways Angels 228 (A.Sales 26); Sea View Lights 184 (N.Alsop 27), Special Angels 268 (C.Thomas 34).

Division 3: Off the Rails 244 (J.Cattle 32), Vixens 253 (S.Curnick 26); After Eights 266 (M.Hellyar 30), Rebels 253 (P.Phillips 26); Rugby Triers 225 (J.Gough 24), Little Devils 209 (L.Bowsher 27); Westenders 234 (T.Stait 27), Sea View Ladies 247 (K.Lacny 28); Dolly Mixtures 196 (C.Abbott 25), Uptown Girls 206 (J.Peacock 31).

Division 4: Liberals 224 (G.Snier 26), Optimists 246 ( D.Eason 24 ); Witchil Wanderers 296 (C.Morrissey 36), Boozy Birds 309 (S.Rudeforth 34); Odd Bods 202 (K.Bremen 31); Bimbos 237 (A.Burniston 27).

*All outstanding matches must be played by May 11 or the game will be forfeited.*

*Could all secretaries attending the next meeting on May 14 please bring your score books as there are score cards that need verifying.*

**HB**

# WOLVES LIFT THE CUP!

**AFC Wolves (formerly Dinas Wolves) managed to pull off a solid performance, beating Barry Town United to win the Junior Cup.**

Wolves started slowly as they struggled with the new tactics, but within 20 minutes their striker Kyle Booker opened his account for the day.

Barry drew level 10 minutes later before Booker restored the lead following great work from Joe Doughty to leave the score 2-1 at the break.

*Cole Saunders.*

Barry again drew level midway through the second period forcing the game into extra time.

With seconds remaining Wolves centre back Jake Frost cleared his lines with a clip ball to send Cole Saunders through on goal.

Saunders showed a cool head as he lifted the ball over the Barry keeper to send the Wolves fans into party mood.

Congratulations to Barry on winning the league and we look forward to another healthy rivalry next season.

**LS**

# Barry Athletic CC start season

**ON Saturday Barry Athletic start the 2018 league season with a home game against Ponthir at The Athletic Ground, Barry Island.**

The season looks like it could be a good one under the new captaincy of Billy Usswald, with renovations going on in the clubhouse with both cricket and football sections working together to make this happen.

The junior section is going from strength to strength, and the future looks bright.

The first XI are at home to Ponthir this Saturday, 12.30pm start, and the second XI travel to Monkswood for their first game, with a big Welsh Cup first round game also on the horizion on Sunday, May 13 as Barry will be taking on local rivals Penarth at The Athletic Ground, Barry Island.

Barry Athletic are also looking for sponsors - if you are interested please contact club secretary Mark Rees on 07398108608 or email markrees509@hotmail.com.

**MR**

# Cowbridge Darts League round-up

**ON Tuesday, April 24 a full programme of league matches was completed.**

The Farmers Arms beat the Victoria Inn 5-4, the Six Bells Inn beat the Hairy Farmers 6-3 and the Highwayman Inn beat the Edmondes C 6-3.

The surprise result of the evening was Edmondes A defeating Llanharry 7-2. In this match Steve Simmonite (Edmondes A) hit a 180.

The awarded result of the match between the Edmondes B and the One Town Hall Square was 9-0.

*Present league standings, after 19 weeks, are: Edmondes B (118 points), Six Bells Inn (110), Llanharry (109), Highwayman Inn (97), Edmondes A (92), Hairy Farmers (86), Edmondes C (80), Victoria Inn (71), Farmers Arms (65), One Town Hall Square (39) and Red Lion Inn (27).*

Next week, Tuesday, May 8, the final of the Commemorative Cup competition will be played at the Farmers Arms.

The competing teams are Katie George, Jake Warren and Tom Gibbs-Murray (Victoria Inn) playing Hilarie Coles, Tony Denscombe and Phil Denscombe (Red Lion/Llanharry).

All matches start at 8.15pm and spectators are welcome. For further information e-mail Paul at cowbridgedarts@gmail.com, up-to-date information can be found on the website: www.darts.apsn.co.uk.

**PJT**

# First cup final weekend sees plenty of action

*Junior Cup Winners Barry Athletic FC*

**AAS the end of a long and much-delayed season approaches, the Vale of Glamorgan Association Football League, the cup finals start.**

The first took place on Sunday, April 21 for the Junior Cup, the Year 11 divisional cup.

On a beautiful Sunday morning Barry Athletic FC took on Cogan Coronation AFC. Cogan took the lead but Barry Athletic FC responded with two goals to take home the trophy, the final score Barry Athletic FC 2, Cogan Coronation Mini & Juniors AFC 1.

Sunday, April 28 saw the Year 10 Divisional Cup take place with Wolves AFC taking on Barry Town United FC for the Steve Williams Memorial trophy.

Wolves AFC took the lead with a goal from Kyle Booker at the 15 minute mark.

Nial Chinn responded in the 32nd minute for Barry Town United FC, however, Kyle Booker grabbed his second four minutes later and Wolves took a 2-1 lead into the break.

Another Nial Chinn goal made it 2-2 and the score stayed the same until full time, with the only notable happening a red card for each team.

Extra-time came and the game looked set for penalties but after a Barry Town United FC attack left them open at the back, Cole Saunders latched on to a free ball.

A lob over the keeper seemed to take an age with the ball eventually falling into the open net for Wolves FC's third, the final score Wolves AFC 3, Barry Town United FC 2.

*FC Barry Belgrade captain Josh Raffel with the ASRS Cup presented by Jason Pawlin*

*Wolves AFDC captain Zach Fifield with the Steve Williams trophy presented by Barry Town United manager Gavin Chesterfield.*

In the afternoon the first senior final took place for the prestigious ASRS Cup.

The Premier Division League Cup saw FC Barry Belgrade take on Barry Athletic FC. Barry Belgrade took the lead with a goal from Dave Stephenson 15 minutes in.

The match played out without much incident until in the 86th minute – in scenes similar to the earlier match – Ben Pearce found the ball and space to go on the attack and draw Barry Athletic FC level.

A prolonged session of added time saw Dave Stephenson of Barry Belgrade get his second, and ultimately the winning, goal, the final score FC Barry Belgrade 2, Barry Athletic FC 1.

The Vale of Glamorgan Association Football League would like to thank Barry Town United FC manager Gavin Chesterfield, Barry Town United FC secretary David Cole and local football historian Jason Pawlin for presenting the medal and trophies after the games.

**MD**

# Cup competition at Brynhill

**BRYNHILL Golf Club finally shed its winter coat this week as the qualifier for the Bristol Cup knockout pairs competition saw the course playing to almost its maximum yardage – and a brisk north-easterly wind blowing up the first meant it wasn't a day for the faint-hearted.**

The top 16 pairs went through to the knockout stages and top of the pile was Taylor Moore and Palmer with a superb 63 (nine under) with two pairs on 64 and two more one further back on 65.

This week also saw the culmination of the Winter League, a competition that epitomises the old 'marathon not a sprint' maxim.

The form book went out the window with this one, as the Anstee/Mills pairing saw off father and son duo Kevin and Dan Williams 3 and 2 in the final.

A big thank you to all who supported the Winter League.

**ND**

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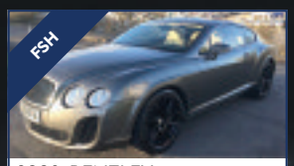


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# Vale of Glamorgan Football League round-up

**THERE were only three midweek games - but they were big ones.**

Llantwit Major saw off Premier Division opposition to book their place in the final of the Barry Cup.

Goals from Lewis Brown, Josh Morgan, Colm Garrett and Jordan Davies gave them the win over Barry Athletic, 4-2.

Llantwit reserves are currently undefeated all season after having won every game in their first season back in the Vale league.

In the final they will play St Athan, who edged out FC Barry Belgrade, Reece Lewis and Karl Steel notching early to book St Athan's place in the Jenner Park showpiece on Sunday, May 6.

In the one league game played, Island Marine recorded an excellent 4-1 over Rhoose.

Onto the weekend's action, and Dave Stephenson scored a dramatic last-gasp winner as FC Barry Belgrade won the first silverware of the season, as they lifted the historic ASRS Cup after a 2-1 win over Barry Athletic at Jenner Park on Sunday.

Stephenson had given Belgrade the lead early in the game before Ben Pearce equalised for Athletic four minutes from time.

But with 95 minutes on the clock Belgrade won it.

Twenty four hours earlier, Premier Division league leaders St Athan ran out 3-0 winners over bottom side Penarth Town.

The win moves St Athan six points ahead of FC Barry Belgrade, although Belgrade have a mammoth five games in hand.

Island Marine continued their fine form with a 4-0 away win against Cowbridge Town - that's five games without a win for Town.

In Division One, leaders Sully Sports thumped Cwm Talwg 5-1. Sully can now win the Division One title this weekend if they collect all three points or if nearest rivals Barry Saints fail to win.

The Saints kept the pressure on Sully with a 5-3 victory over SP Billy to stay five points off top.

Cogan got back to winning ways with an impressive 4-1 away win against Cardiff Airport while Tynewydd continued their recent form with a narrow 1-0 win over Penarth Town B.

Penarth now face Cwm Talwg this week in a must-win game. Cadoxton Athletic's poor form went on as they lost a 10-goal thriller to Cadoxton Imps 6-4, a huge win for Imps in their quest for survival, but that's seven league losses on the bounce from Athletic.

In Division Two, just the one league game was played as the Dockers Cup semi-finals took centre stage.

In the league Island Marine B went fourth after a 1-0 win over bottom side Glenbrook.

In the Dockers Cup Llantwit Major secured their second cup final of the season with a 4-2 win over BRT Dynamos.

They will play Rhoose B after they emphatically booked their final berth with a 6-1 win over BVFC.

This weekend sees a league program and of course the Barry Cup final, St Athan and Llantwit Major will compete in the Vale league showpiece.

**HD**

# Dinas Powys Golf Club ladies section results

**On April 3, an 18 hole Stableford was held:**

1st Samantha Saunders 40 points, 2nd Sue Bridle 34, 3rd Chris Nelms 29.

On April 17, the Australian Spoons 18 hole Stableford: 1st Sue Bridle & Annie Blackburn, 2nd Lisa Ryley & Sian Smith, 3rd Maxine Hird & Audrey Harwood.

Also on April 17, there was a nine hole Stableford: 1st Angela Brown, 2nd Dorothy Amery, 3rd Sue Thomas.

OnApril 24, the Challenge Bowls 18 hole Medal: Silver Division - 1st Sue Bridle 88 – 18 = 70, 2nd Lisa Ryley 89 – 15 =74, 3rd Ann Mahenthiralingam 90 – 12 = 78.

Bronze division - 1st Samantha Saunders 94 – 28 = 66, 2nd Ruth Yates 100 – 24 = 76, 3rd Audrey Harwood 101 – 24 = 77.

Congratulations to Samantha in having her handicap reduced and well done to all the ladies who have played during the inclement weather.

**RY**

# Glamorgan Farmers battle it out at Rogerstone Golf Club

**THE monthly meeting of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society was held at a sunny Newport (Rogerstone) Golf Club where 30 members assembled to compete for a range of high quality prizes supplied by the day's sponsors Kelly, Harris and Conlon, group secretaries of the National Farmers' Union.**

*Society captain Keith James with winning golfers Godfrey Lewis, Ray Thomas, Trevor Wooding, Geoff Moore and sponsor Julian Kelly.*

Established in 1903 and set in Llynwi Woods surrounded by rolling parkland, this famous course has a proud history.

It has staged many famous tournaments, with their next major event scheduled for 2020, when it hosts the Welsh Amateur Championships.

Despite the harsh winter that golf clubs have had to contend with, the condition of the course was exceptionally good providing the opportunity for the members to enjoy their day's golf.

At the conclusion of play just one point separated the top five with a count back over the back nine holes needed to determine Hugh Williams as the overall winner with 31 stableford points.

Hugh's back nine of 17 points proved crucial as runner-up Godfrey Lewis, also with 31 points, could only accumulate 15 on the back nine.

In third place, also with 31 points including 12 on the back nine, was Trevor Wooding. Ray Thomas with 30 points finished in fourth place just ahead of Bryan Owen, also with 30 points.

In the guest section, Geoff Moore took first place with the day's best score of 32 points.

In addition to the individual prizes, the NFU team event where one score over the first six holes, two scores on the next six and finally all three scores counting over the closing six holes proved an interesting challenge.

The winners of the team event, with 65 points, were Gareth Perkins, Geoff Moore and his guest David Jones.

In second place with 61 points were Hugh Williams, Dai John and Glyn Watts-Jones and in third place with 58 points were Geraint Davies, Keith James and Clive Edwards.

Nearest the pin on the Watts & Morgan sponsored par-3 holes were David Jones, Gareth Perkins, Glyn Watts-Jones, Godfrey Lewis and Chris Watson.

Hugh Williams capped a fine day by also winning the longest drive prize and David Jones returned home with the Premier Turf sponsored bottle of whisky when correctly guessing 20 balls would fail to return home raising £100 in support of Velindre Hospital.

The society's next meeting will be the annual medal round competition for the Shrieval Trophy, kindly sponsored by Mr Mark Rees scheduled for Thursday, May 31 at Cottrell Park Golf Club on the highly-acclaimed Mackintosh course.

**T.McC**

# Barrivale Bridge Club results

**RESULTS for Barrivale Bridge Club on April 24:**

The top three places were: 1. Debbie Richards & Sean MacDougall 61.11%, and joint second place Jane Brook & Noelle Bond 60.32%, Mike Close & Mick Green 60.32%.

The handicap winners were Reg Dyer and Dave Thomas.

As always, new members are welcome at the club and a partner may be arranged, if required.

If you would like to join us please ring any of the following numbers - 01446 418380, 01446 733425 or 01446 735592 - or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry at 7pm on Tuesday evening.

Alternatively, players inexperienced or new, may attend on Fridays at 10am at the same address where lessons and play take place in a relaxed atmosphere.

While our current class for beginners continue to run on Friday mornings, new members wishing to start the class will be able to join the next beginners class commencing in September.

**LH**

Got a sports story, match report or item of interest? Then get in touch with us - email sport@glamorgan-gem.co.uk

# Friendly loss for Centurions

**SULLY Centurions Cricket Club completed their pre-season friendly fixtures with a defeat at Radyr on Sunday.**

After Saturday's match with Rogerstone fell victim to the weather, a mixture of first and second XI players came up against a strong Radyr side, who proved too strong for the visitors.

The home side batted first on a wicket that had survived the wet weather, but was still quite damp.

There was an early breakthrough, when Gareth Thomas bowled opener O'Neil with the score on 26.

After this, however, Radyr steadily took control, thanks mainly to a fine innings from Wilson, who began finding the boundary with regularity.

The second wicket partnership with Das took the score along to 86 in the 19th over before Ricki Griffett struck via a Patrick Lane catch to remove Das for 35.

But Wilson was beginning to get into his stride and the Centurion attack was unable to find a way to make a breakthrough.

Chris Coles eventually had Lloyd caught by Griffett for 35, but this was no more than a late consolation as Radyr eventually finished on 235 for 3.

Wilson, by this time, had reached an unbeaten 128 – a great innings which included 15 fours and 3 sixes.

After tea, the Sully innings was opened by Gethin Hicks and Rhett Jones, who faced an accurate opening attack.

Runs were slow in coming, but both showed some nice touches before Rhett was caught off the bowling of Stanson for 11, with the score on 19.

Calum Thomas, making his first appearance since his return to Centurions, began to find the gaps in the field and looked comfortable at the crease.

Unfortunately wickets began to fall, beginning with Hicks, who was caught behind for 14. Thomas and Lloyd Bruce (21) shared an entertaining fifth wicket stand of 35 before Bruce fell to O'Neil in the 26th over.

Mander, with his unorthodox action, was causing all sorts of problems for Sully and he ended up with 4 for 30 as the Centurions innings ended on 129 all out. Calum Thomas was Centurions' top scorer with 43.

*Radyr 235 for 3, Sully Centurions 129 all out.*

This coming Saturday sees the start of the 2018 league season as Centurions' first XI entertain Dinas Powys at Burnham Avenue, while the second XI travel to Monmouth.

All players are asked to check with the captains regarding availability.

Sully Centurions CC are grateful to Waitrose Barry for the donation of £180 from their 'green token' initiative.

**MF**

*Georgia and Maisie.*

# International basketball call-up for St Richard Gwyn pupils

**MAISIE Harrhy and Georgia Hellerman, both pupils at St Richard Gwyn, Barry, have been selected to represent Welsh Basketball under-16 girls at the FIBA European Championships in Moldova at the beginning of July.**

This is a great achievement considering they are still both just 14. The girls will be training with the national squad in the coming months in preparation for the European Championships at which they will play Scotland, Moldova and Gibraltar.

Talking about their achievements, Mrs Harrhy said: "Both sets of parents are bursting with pride, the girls work so hard and we have so much respect for their dedication and positive attitude and their love for the game."

Currently the St Richard Gwyn students both train with and play National League for Cardiff Met Archers under-16 girls and Maisie plays for Vale Vipers Basketball Club.

They are fortunate to have basketball coach Andy Leftley as a teacher at their school, and a great coaching team at Cardiff Met.

This adds to the girls' success, as Maisie represented Wales under-16 girls at the European Championships last year in Gibraltar, where the team narrowly missed out on a bronze medal, and Georgia has a successful record in netball having been selected in the Wales under-17 netball talent squad.

*Basketball is self-funded so if any local businesses would like to sponsor the girls to help with travel costs then please do get in touch - email t.harrhy@ntlworld.com for more information.*

**MH**

# Young Brace scores again!

**THERE'S no way of keeping young Connor Brace out of the racing news.**

After riding three point-to-point winners over the weekend, which has put him well ahead in the national novice point-to-point riders' championship, on Tuesday, at Exeter, riding five-year-old BillyGwyn Too, he landed the Goffs Spring Sales P2P Bumper Flat Race getting home by three parts of a length from the favourite Kootenay River.

BillyGwyn Too is trained by Jonathan Tudor at Merthyr Mawr and was an 8-1 chance in a field of eight runners.

Connor, who won't be 17 until July, was a leading child pony racing rider and the experience he gained in those events have paid off handsomely.

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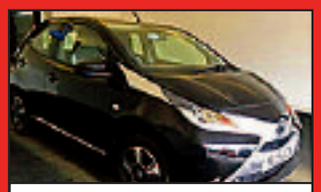

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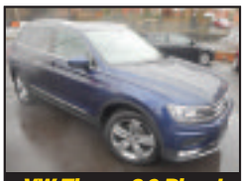

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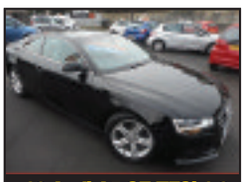

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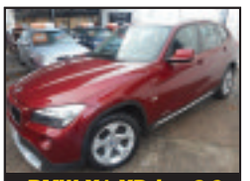

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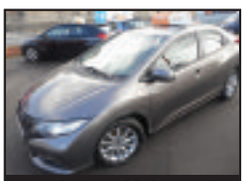

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# Barry Town United end season with win - now for the European play-offs!

**AFTER an incredible second half to the season, Barry Town United are two games from Europe and will travel to either Bala Town or Cardiff Met in their JD Welsh Premier League play-off semi-final.**

Barry's play-off opportunity will be on the weekend of May 12/13, but before that, all eyes will be Sunday's JD Welsh Cup Final at Latham Park, the outcome of which will determine their opponents.

Should Aberystwyth defeat Connah's Quay Nomads to secure their first Welsh Cup since 1899-1900, the Seasiders will qualify directly for Europe, setting up a four-team play-off for Wales' final spot.

In such a scenario, Bala will entertain Barry at Maes Tegid, while Cefn Druids will tackle Cardiff Met at The Rock, with the two victors facing off in a decisive showdown the following Sunday afternoon.

However, if Connah's Quay can lift the historic Welsh Cup trophy for the first time in their history, then Barry face a short trip to Cyncoed to play against Cardiff Met, with Druids awaiting the winner.

Collecting eight wins and two draws from ten Phase Two fixtures, Barry are entering the play-offs in strong form, with their Friday evening win over Carmarthen Town extending their points total to 53.

On the night, it took Jonathan Hood's 55th minute effort to separate the teams, the visitors lifted by a late reprieve that sees them retain their Welsh Premier League status for a 23rd consecutive year.

The acquisition of striker Hood in January's transfer window has proven to be a shrewd addition to Gavin Chesterfield's squad, and the former Port Talbot Town man was on hand 10 minutes into the second half to volley in his fourth goal in as many games and his fifth since making the switch to Jenner Park.

Having previously beaten the Old Gold three times this season, Barry were keen to complete an unprecedented quadruple and the home side almost rubberstamped their latest win when Kayne McLaggon saw his shot scooped off the line, after a delicate one-two with teammate Drew Fahiya.

However, the game remained at 1-0, as Barry closed out their Welsh Premier League campaign with a 16th win from 32 outings, an excellent return after over a decade's absence from the top tier.

Having defied expectations to solidify their place in the Welsh Premier, Chesterfield and his players now have a chance to cap a fine season with the extraordinary prize of European football.

Should Barry negotiate the two play-offs, then the team cast into obscurity five years ago this week will be flying the flag for Welsh football in the UEFA Europa League's qualifying stages, this summer.

While the post-millennial fall and subsequent rise of the club from Jenner Park has been well-documented, could another remarkable chapter in this eventful story be about to be written?

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*Goalscorer Jonathan Hood takes aim.*

# *UNDER-STRENGTH DINAS POWYS ARE BEATEN BY MOUNTAIN ASH*

**A Dinas Powys team devoid of many regular players made the trip to Mountain Ash to face the 'Old Firm' in a contest between sides placed fifth and sixth respectively in the league table and both sides well above the relegation battle involving the six sides below them.**

The home side got off to a flying start, as the Villagers appeared out of sorts and still on the bus, and conceded a try within two minutes as home second row Jim Parfitt crashed over following a powerful forward drive.

The conversion struck the post to limit the home side's advantage.

The home side were rampant and within 10 minutes the referee Justin Evans awarded a penalty try following two collapsed scrums near the Villagers' tryline.

A long and tortuous afternoon appeared in store for the Villagers, however that was going to be the final total for the home side as the bedraggled visitors found some cohesion amongst the forwards and managed to match their opponents in the tight.

Dinas, as always, attempted to play attractive rugby but it took them 20 minutes to enter their opponents' 22 metre area.

A cross-kick by fly half Ben White was brilliantly gathered by Rhys Evans, however his pass back inside could not be gathered by second row Rhys Gambold.

The unfortunate Gambold was soon forced to leave the fray with a head wound to be replaced by Corey Imperatto, who, due to work commitments, was unable to start the match.

The visitors' defence was led by the imperious Lewis Dunleavy, who once again was an inspiration to his teammates with his tireless workrate, and with the final Mountain Ash rolling maul of the first half successfully repelled, the match official blew his whistle for half-time.

The second half started brightly for the Villagers as they dragged the bulky home pack around the pitch, and a quickly-taken tap penalty by scrum half Sam Middlemiss in his own half saw Imperatto drive through the home defence.

The ball was fed to centre Rhys Evans who drew the final defender and passed to the flyer Jim Wiltshire on the left wing who outpaced the covering defenders and scored under the posts; with White adding the conversion, the score stood at 12-7.

The remainder of the game ebbed back and forth as both sides missed kicks at goal, but the Villagers will feel that this was a victory that slipped away.

Poor decision making at crucial times and poor passing at other times combined with ferocious home line speed in defence provided a frustrating afternoon for Dinas Powys chairman Andy Vesey as the Villagers failed to score again.

The club felt immense pride as of one of their own, Ryan Shallish, proved to be a vital player for Wales Deaf Rugby as they were crowned world sevens champions, beating England 21-15 in Sydney.

Ryan scored a vital try for Wales in the final and after the final had the honour of being named the player of the tournament. Well done Wales and well done Ryan!

**HJ**


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Barry Dock Liberal Club

Thompson Street, Barry, CF63 4JL

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League to start week commencing - Monday 21st May 2018

Contact - Alex Campbell - 01446 409199

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*Closing date for entries - Sunday 13 May 2018*


# *Scoreline doesn't tell whole story as weakened Barry lose out*

**TRAVELLING to promotion hopefuls Gilfach Goch last Saturday was always going to be a difficult task, made even harder due to the continuing injury list and unavailability through other events.**

However, finally managing to get a side together featuring youngsters with little or no first team experience, Barry took to the field and produced a performance full of pride and passion which was duly recognised by both home and visiting supporters in the clubhouse post-match.

The 50-19 scoreline indicates a heavy defeat on paper but in reality it was a game where Barry were the better side for long periods and matched their opponents throughout.

Barry opened the game with a series of attacks, opting for an open game to unsettle their opponents in which they succeeded and could well have had a couple of scores in the first 10 minutes, spurning penalty chances in the search for tries.

Gilfach at this stage were happy to defend and rely on counter attacks which the committed Barry defence marshalled well.

Barry's enterprising attacking style was entertaining the crowd but the danger is always there that errors can be costly and, after winning the first 20 minutes, unfortunately without any points to show for it, they were hit by three tries and a penalty goal in the next 15 to turn the game on its head.

Credit to Gilfach in that they were quick to pounce on any Barry mistake, their quick first up defence on occasion forcing these errors.

They also took their chances in these situations and put the points on the board to lead by 24-0 with 10 minutes to go of the half.

Heads could have gone down at this stage but Barry continued their open game and again got close to the line without scoring.

They were not being helped by the referee where 50/50 decisions seemed to be going against them and as half-time neared they fell further behind as Gilfach scored another try, following a lost scrum ball.

Kickable penalties were spurned by Barry as they ended the half on top but 31-0 down.

The way Barry came out for the second half you would have thought the score was 0-0, but they continued to attack, only to still find themselves on the wrong side of the referee's whistle.

One promising attack broke down in midfield and with the defence committed, Gilfach broke through for the centre to score a fine individual try, which was converted to give Gilfach a 38-point lead.

Barry refused to buckle and a penalty at the restart saw them close to the line.

Driving the lineout they finally got the reward their efforts deserved as Alyn Evans drove over the line. Einan Scott kicked a fine conversion to give Barry their first points.

This year's promotion is so tight it could be decided by points difference so Gilfach were in no mood to concede points and add to their tally.

They did this minutes later as the referee awarded a penalty try after a Barry infringement at a scrum.

Yet again Barry came back and continued to create chances but they were just unable to finish them off at the crucial moment.

One such move was to prove costly as what looked likely to be a certain Barry try ended with a score at the other end after taking the wrong option and losing the ball, leaving the score at 50-7.

With still time to go Gilfach went for the jugular but must have been surprised by the sheer determination of the Barry squad who refused to lie down and forced them back on defence with their continued defiance.

It was still Barry doing the attacking with Gilfach happy to rely on their solid defence and counter-attacking when the chance came.

If they expected the game to peter out as the clock ran down Gilfach were in for a surprise.

Their scrum was sent into retreat to earn Barry a penalty which took play deep in their half, and suddenly the referee was on Barry's side with a series of penalty awards which ended with them driving the lineout for Alyn Evans to cross for his second try to which Einan Scott added the extras.

Barry were penalised at the restart but regained the ball and set off for the line. Finally linking everything together, the ball passed through several pairs of hands before crossing for a try wide which was not converted but left the score at 50-19 with minutes to go.

The last minutes saw Barry still on the attack but unable to add to the score as the whistle went to end what had been a hugely entertaining game of rugby.

It is only left to congratulate the whole squad, particularly those having their first taste of first team rugby, for a performance of which they can be hugely proud of and as the supporters left the ground, I know they felt the same.

Next Saturday we entertain Cambrian Welfare, the third promotion challenger who will obviously be eager to maintain the pressure on the other two sides with few games remaining.

It would be good to see a big turn out of supporters next week to match those of the Welfare who, at their home fixture made so much noise, and with so much on the game will probably turn up this week. Kick-off is at 2.30pm.

The following Tuesday, May Barry 8, play their final fixture of the season when we entertain Cardiff Harlequins with a 6.45pm kick off.

There were no lottery winners again this week as the numbers 08, 10, 13 and 21 were not matched. However four players matched three to claim the £10 consolation prize; the prize money this week will be £1,500.

**AJ**